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Trombonist leads DODDS seminar

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Above: Veteran trombonist Jiggs Whigham instructs this year's weeklong Department of Defense Dependents Schools jazz seminar at Heidelberg High School. Left: The saxophone section of DODDS Big Band Jazz Ensemble performs during a Tuesday practice session. It is the 21st year that DODDS-Europe has hosted a jazz seminar.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Missing intern:** Gary Condit denied in a sworn deposition that he had a romantic affair with slain intern Chandra Levy, insisting "we were friends," but offering few details of their relationship. The former California congressman was questioned in September as part of an \$11 million lawsuit he filed in 2002 against Dominick Dunne, a special correspondent to Vanity Fair. Condit claims that Dunne's statements led millions of people to believe Condit was criminally involved in Levy's death.

Details of the deposition were reported Tuesday on NBC's "Today Show."

When asked to describe his relationship with Levy, Condit said, "We were friends." Levy, a 24-year-old U.S. Bureau of Prisons employee, disappeared in 2001; her remains were discovered in a Washington, D.C., park in May 2002.

**South Carolina train derailment:** The government told railroads on Tuesday they should require their crews to report and document changes to manual switches like the one suspected of causing the derailment of a train carrying chlorine gas.

A Norfolk Southern train slammed into another train parked on a side track in Graniteville, S.C., on Thursday, rupturing a tank and releasing a cloud of gas. The deadliest train wreck involving hazardous material in nearly three decades, it killed nine people, injured 234 others and forced the evacuation of 5,400 local residents.

Though they haven't finished their probe, National Transportation Safety Board investigators are focusing on whether the crew of

the parked train failed to flip a switch to keep other trains on the main track hours before the wreck.

**Louisiana serial murders:** Prosecutors have decided against taking twice-convicted killer Derrick Todd Lee to trial for the murder of a Lafayette woman, Trineisha Dene Colomb, 23.

Authorities say DNA evidence links Lee to the serial killings of Colomb and six other women from 1998 to 2003. In October, a jury in Baton Rouge convicted Lee of first-degree murder in the slaying of Charlotte Murray Pace and ordered the death penalty. He earlier was convicted of second-degree murder for the slaying of Gerilyn DeSoto in West Baton Rouge Parish and was sentenced to life in prison.

## War on terrorism

**Australian terror suspect's release:** The opposition Labor Party asked the government on Wednesday to explain if the release of an Australian terror suspect held for three years at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was linked to his claims he was tortured while under U.S. supervision in Egypt.

The suspect, who the United States believes had foreknowledge of the Sept. 11 al-Qaida attacks, won't be allowed to leave Australia after being repatriated.

The government announced Tuesday that Sydney resident Mamdouh Habib, who was born in Egypt, will be released without charge from Guantanamo Bay.

Last week, one of Habib's court affidavits was made public in which he said that after he was arrested in Pakistan he was transferred to Egypt, where he was tortured with

beatings and electric shocks and was nearly drowned.

## World

**Afghan drug-smuggler amnesty:** President Hamid Karzai said an amnesty for former drug smugglers was "not a bad idea" if it could help eliminate Afghanistan's booming narcotics industry, but he suggested Wednesday it was far from becoming government policy.

Under pressure from the United States and Europe, Karzai has called for a "holy war" against Afghanistan's drug business, the world's largest, and made it a priority for the five-year term he won in landmark September elections.

Afghan poppy cultivation jumped an estimated two-thirds last year and supplied 87 percent of the world's opium, the raw material for most of the heroin sold to young addicts in areas such as Western Europe and Russia.

**Croatian war crimes suspect:** Croatia's fugitive war crimes suspect, Gen. Ante Gotovina, is ready to surrender "immediately" if he is granted a trial in Croatia instead of before the U.N. court that charged him in mid-2001, his attorney said.

Gotovina "would immediately surrender to Croatian authorities for trial if his case were transferred to Croatia," his Chicago-based attorney, Luka Misticic, said.

The letter was sent to the heads of the European Union, which decided to start membership talks with Croatia on March 17, but only if the country arrests and extradites Gotovina, one of the most wanted suspects of the U.N. court in The Hague, Netherlands.

Gotovina's offer was immediately rejected by the U.N. court.

**Naples gang warfare:** Police broke up a meeting of suspected mobsters from a Naples gang involved in a vicious internal war, arresting six men, authorities said Wednesday.

Police in Naples said they blocked the men as they tried to escape from a room in a neighborhood in northern Naples where they had been meeting late Tuesday.

The men are thought to be tied to the Di Lauro clan, a part of Naples' Camorra crime syndicate that has been involved in a bloody battle with a break off group in recent months, resulting in several brutal killings. More than 130 people were killed in the Naples region last year, most of them in mob violence.

**Pakistan assassination suspect:** An air force staffer who allegedly played a key role in a plot to assassinate Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf has escaped from jail and efforts are under way to arrest him, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Mushtaq Ahmed, a low-ranking Pakistani air force staff member, was captured months after al-Qaida-linked Islamic militants tried to blow up Musharraf's motorcade on Dec. 14, 2003, in Rawalpindi, a city near the capital, Islamabad.

On Wednesday, air force spokesman Air Commodore Sarfraz Ahmad said the jail-break occurred last month, but declined to give further details about its reports.

Photos and stories from wire reports



**Fired Georgia law enforcers:** Clayton County, Ga., Sheriff Victor Hill — whose firing of 27 of his 345 employees, most of them deputies and officers, on his first day in office was overturned by a judge — agreed Tuesday to reinstate their pay and benefits. But he insisted they would not necessarily get their jobs back. Hill defended his actions as legal, but refused to say exactly why the employees were fired. The firings angered members of the department and raised suspicions that they were racially motivated. Hill is black. The fired employees included four of the highest-ranking officers, all of them white.

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# Jazz great leading DODDS musicians to swinging times

By RUSS RIZZO  
Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Jiggs Whigham has played trombone alongside the likes of Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald and Cannonball Adderley. But this week, he shared the stage with some lesser-known artists: Students in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools system.

During a weeklong jazz session in Heidelberg, Whigham instructed 27 handpicked students in the art of jazz. The band was to perform in a concert

hall near Heidelberg on Wednesday night and was set to perform its final concert Thursday at Patch High School in Stuttgart.

The jazz session is an annual event that rotates throughout Europe and attracts students from Italy to England. Whigham, an acclaimed trombone player who conducts the BBC Big Band, helped create the program more than 20 years ago to give students throughout Germany an outlet to learn jazz. The program later expanded to all of Europe.

Many students returned this year for the second or third time. They said they came back because of the inspiration Whigham gave them and to be around other teenagers who like jazz.

"It's definitely a life-changing experience," said Doug Francis, a senior at Ramstein High School in Germany, who attended the seminar last year. "Before, I was just a little troglodyte scared to come out of my shell, and then I came here and I am willing to try anything."

Katie Thompson, a senior at Alconbury High School in England, said she was most excited about learning how to scat, or improvise singing using words rather than words. During a practice Tuesday, Whigham touched his heart and leaned back in joy as Thompson sang "Everyday I Have the Blues."

Angel Ayres, a senior at Würzburg High School in Germany, said she knew little about playing jazz on her bass guitar before



Whigham



Angel Ayres, a Würzburg senior, plays bass at a DODDS-Europe jazz seminar rehearsal.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Jiggs Whigham conducts the Big Band Jazz Ensemble made up of students participating in the DODDS-Europe jazz seminar at Heidelberg High School, Germany. During the weeklong jazz session, Whigham instructs 27 handpicked students in the art of jazz. The band is set to perform its final concert Thursday at Patch High School in Stuttgart. The seminar is an annual event that attracts students from Italy to England.

## Want to go?

What: Jazz concert

When: Noon Thursday

Where: Patch High School, Stuttgart, Germany

she started coming to the annual seminar. Three years later, she said she has developed a love for jazz.

"It will always be part of my life," Ayers said.

Whigham mentions Ayres when he speaks about what keeps him coming back. He remembers when Ayers could hardly strum a tune, much less keep up with up-tempo jazz songs.

"It's like being a proud father," Whigham said. "You see them grow up. They've taken the ball, and they've run with it."

Whigham said the seminar is about more than music. He entreats students to find a career they will enjoy and do their best

in that field.

At Tuesday's practice, Whigham told the students about "the hang," a term he used to describe the culture around music. Jazz musicians hang around each other, creating a tight-knit community, he said.

Three high school music teachers watching the practice participated in "the hang" themselves, discussing whether Whigham was the best living jazz trombone player in the world. They agreed he was.

Jim Curtis, a senior at Würzburg, said two years attending the seminar was enough to ensure he will play his trumpet in a jazz band whenever he can find one. He checked to make sure the University of Houston, where he will attend next year, has student jazz bands.

As for Thursday's final concert: "It'll be great," Curtis said. "As long as my lips hold out."

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Katie Thompson, an Alconbury senior, belts out "Everyday I Have the Blues" during practice.

# Despite claims, Wash. state finds no overseas ballot problems

By LEO SHANE III  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Washington state election officers and military officials say they have found no evidence of problems with overseas military absentee ballots, despite allegations that many may not have been delivered or counted.

"We're seeing allegations made that large numbers of military voters did not get ballots, but we think that's partisan rhetoric over a close election," said Pam Floyd, assistant elections director for the state. "And we believe all military ballots signed by Washington voters and received were counted."

But state Republicans believe that hundreds of overseas servicemembers never received their ballots, and that many have stolen the election from their gubernatorial candidate, Dino Rossi.

"We're getting tons of calls and e-mails from troops overseas who didn't receive

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their ballots, or who got them weeks after the election," said Mary Lane, spokeswoman for Rossi. "We're looking at a lot of disenfranchised military voters."

Lane provided Stars and Stripes with complaints from 14 family members who have loved ones in the military, most deployed overseas, who did not receive absentee ballots. The Rossi campaign said it has heard from 260 voters who claim not to have received ballots, though not all of them are military.

Department of Justice officials would not comment on news reports that the federal government is investigating whether state elections officials broke the law by sending out the ballots too late. Republi-

cans have filed suit to mandate a new election because of the military issues and other supposed voting irregularities.

In November, Rossi was named the winner of the general election by 261 votes and won a machine recount by 42, but a second, manual recount last month showed Democrat Christine Gregoire with a 129-vote margin of victory.

Last month, Secretary of State Sam Reed, a Republican, certified the election results in Gregoire's favor, and on Tuesday the state House and Senate, both controlled by Democrats, followed suit. The Democrat was to have been sworn in as governor on Wednesday.

Washington was the last state to send out

its overseas ballots, with all but one county mailing them by Oct. 8, Floyd said. That left 39 days for overseas military personnel to receive and return the votes, which were accepted until 14 days after the November election.

Joe Hitt, spokesman for Fort Lewis in Washington, said none of the Army Reserve units currently deployed overseas have reported problems over missing or damaged ballots.

"It just seems to be something that's been blown up in the press," he said. "We haven't heard any complaints about ballots."

But Lane said her office has heard numerous complaints, even from troops who double-checked their registration and mailing addresses to make sure they received ballots.

Department of Defense officials do not return calls seeking comment on the ballot controversy. Arguments in the GOP court challenge will begin Friday.

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# Study eyes benefits of wired military family

BY WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

Boston University is leading a study to plug the Great American Military Household into ... well, itself. And into school and the doctor, too.

The university recently announced the Technologically Connected Home Project, paid for through grants from the Army and Nielsen Media Research. The three-year program will study 500 military families to see whether using things like the Internet as a low-cost, long-distance telephone line catch on with families often separated.

"One of the realities of the military family is it's a family in transition, there's a move to and from a base," said John Henderson, director of the Boston University Institute for Leading in a Dynamic Economy. "There's a changing of careers and a changing of venues relative to a career. Military families are really families in motion."

A child who moves to a new school could connect with the old to smooth transition. A family at a remote base could access doctors via video. And using Voice over Internet Protocol voice communication, a soldier-parent serving far away could keep in touch without paying long-distance fees.

"We kind of think of the home as a nucleus of an atom, and the family members are spinning around it," Henderson said. "They're the electrons."

The idea would be to keep those elec-

## Army hopes new technology creates more content, cohesive community

trons in touch, no matter how far from home they fly.

"Make life better for soldier families and you can make better soldiers," said William Armbruster, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for privatization and partnerships, in a prepared statement. "Army readiness is inextricably linked to the well-being of the whole family."

When deployed, soldiers need to know that their families are safe, housed, and have access to medical care, community services, and educational opportunities. If technology in the home can make that all possible, then everyone wins and the odds of soldier retention are multiplied greatly.

Soldiers are both the subjects of the study and the end client. The study will cost about \$1 million per year, with the Army paying for 25 percent of it and Nielsen picking up the bulk of the rest. Acts Lend Lease and the Picerno Real Es-

tate Group will provide sites for the new homes. The study will begin with volunteers at Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Meade, Md., though the program should expand to three other bases. There are no plans now to expand the study overseas, but Henderson said he couldn't rule it out. The program is part of the Army's Residential Communities Initiative, a push to rebuild 70,000 military homes in the next five years.

Harvard Medical School and the Army surgeon general are involved on the telemedicine side.

Nielsen believes the technology could have applications beyond the military.

"This is not making a new secret device or something, this is something the private sector can be very supportive of," said Robert Luff, chief technology officer at Nielsen Media Research. One of the technologies Nielsen is excited

about is notes, tiny devices that measure movement or temperature or virtually anything.

"Imagine something like a stack of three or four nickels, and in that there's a battery like a hearing aid battery and a chip," Luff said.

They're small and don't draw much attention to themselves, which helps researchers not influence the behavior of those being studied. They could help researchers tell whether members of a family eat dinner together or watch television or simply go out to eat.

Other smart devices could be used for maintenance purposes.

"Examples would be RFID tags on appliances," said Dennis O'Connor, a project spokesman, referring to radio frequency identification technologies. "If they need service or maintenance, they would automatically contact a distributor or someone."

But such an electric eye could spoil someone, as the researchers are well aware. The data that the home project collects will not go directly to the Army or companies, but to researchers who will analyze it. The analysis is what the military and companies finally receive.

"We are the mechanism that ensures the privacy of the family," Henderson said. "Boston University researchers are the only ones who have access to the data."

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# U.S., Russia near agreement to limit missile trafficking

BY ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States and Russia are close to completing an agreement designed to limit trafficking in portable air-defense missiles, which some security experts fear terrorists could use against commercial airliners, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said Tuesday.

At a joint news conference with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Ivanov provided few details but said the proposed accord reflected a common interest between the United States and Russia in constraining the unauthorized movement of these weapons around the world.

"You know full well that terrorists of all hues and stripes have sought to obtain them," he said.

Ivanov, speaking through an interpreter, said "an agreement on the exchange of information" on portable air-defense weapons would be signed by the two countries "pretty soon."

He said the agreement was put together quickly "because it was in the best interests of both states to maximally constrain the movement of such weapons, such as the American-made Stinger shoulder-fired missiles the CIA sup-

plied to Afghan rebels fighting Soviet forces in the 1980s.

Ivanov said "negligible amounts" of Russian-made air-defense weapons also were in Afghanistan, and they are included in the inventories of many central and eastern European countries.

Rumsfeld did not comment on the deal and other U.S. officials did not immediately have any information.

Later, after a meeting with President Bush at the White House, Ivanov told reporters he and Rumsfeld had briefly filled the president in on the "understanding between the governments of the two countries to control the movements" of such weapons.

Typically, these relatively cheap weapons are small, rocket-propelled warheads with heat-seeking sensors. They are designed to be triggered from a tube-like, disposable launcher and to follow the heat of a jet engine's exhaust to its source. The CIA-backed rebels in Afghanistan used Stingers to great effect against Russian helicopters and other low-flying aircraft during the 1980s.

Ivanov also said he had accepted a U.S. invitation for Russian forces to participate in a U.S.-based military exercise to



U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld listens to Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov during a news conference Tuesday at the Pentagon in Washington. The United States and Russia are nearing a deal that would have the two nations working together to limit terrorists trafficking in air-defense missiles.

"handle nuclear safety issues while transporting nuclear munitions." He did not elaborate.

Later, the Pentagon issued a brief statement saying the United States will host six Russian observers at a nuclear weapons convoy security exercise this spring. It gave no details.

Ivanov said his session with Bush laid the groundwork for a

meeting between the U.S. president and Russian President Vladimir Putin, scheduled for Feb. 24 in the Slovak Republic while Bush is traveling through Europe. Ivanov and Bush talked about hotspots such as Iran and Afghanistan, the joint commitment to fight terrorism; their desire to reduce the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and

bilateral military exercises, he said.

The two did not discuss the political situation in Russia's neighbor, Ukraine, but Ivanov did not rule it out as a topic of discussion when he returns to the White House on Wednesday to meet with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice. Rice has been nominated to be the next secretary of state.

# Abizaid to meet with top Turkish officials

BY TERRY BOYD

European Stars and Stripes

The overall commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East visited Turkey's capital Ankara on Tuesday, apparently hoping to narrow differences between the two NATO allies, especially when it comes to Iraq.

Scheduled to visit Turkey for two days, Gen. John Abizaid, U.S. Central Command commander, is to meet with top Turkish government and military officials about expanding U.S. operations at Incirlik Air Base in south-central Turkey, said a Turkish official who asked not to be identified.

That official said he had no details, but U.S. officials apparently want to fly cargo into Iraq from Incirlik, according to a story in Wednesday's Los Angeles Times. In Iraq, deteriorating security has led U.S. officials to use air

transportation rather than road convoys to move people and material.

Though operations there have been reduced dramatically since the U.S. invaded Iraq in March 2003, the United States still is a tenant at Incirlik. The Air Force has based there "a limited number of KC-135 refueling aircraft that support the mobility air bridge for Operations Enduring Freedom (in Afghanistan) and Iraqi Freedom," wrote Capt. Riccardo Bodden, spokesman for the 39th Air Base Wing at Incirlik, in an e-mail response to a Stars and Stripes query.

Bodden referred all other questions to U.S. European Command officials in Stuttgart, Germany, who in turn referred questions to CENTCOM headquarters in Tampa, Fla. Abizaid's meetings with Turkish officials "are behind closed

doors ... and I'm not privy to those meetings going on now," said Cmdr. Nick Balice, a CENTCOM spokesman. Balice declined to disclose what issues Abizaid is discussing with Turkish officials.

"Since September 11th, our set of strategic interests has shifted somewhat and it's going to be some time before that sorts itself out," Abizaid said in a Tuesday news conference, acknowledging growing differences between Turkey and the United Kingdom. "I don't think that that's surprising, but the U.S. and Turkey are working together very closely in a variety of areas."

There may be some quid pro quo involved for both countries to get what they want.

U.S. officials want increased access to Incirlik in southeastern Turkey, about 400 miles west of the Iraq border, the Turkish source said. The Turks, still fight-



PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes

ing Kurdish separatists in the southeast, want the United States to push fighters from the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, out of northern Iraq, he said. Abizaid demurred, saying the Jan. 30 elections in Iraq are the first priority for U.S. forces, according to the Turkish source.

During his two-day visit, Abizaid is to meet Deputy Chief of General Staff Gen. Ilker Basbu and Foreign Minister Abdullah Gül of the Justice and Development Party, a conservative, Islamic-oriented party that has ruled secular Turkey since 2002.

The United States has had access to a limited number of Turkish bases and intelligence facilities since 1952, when Turkey joined NATO. From the end of the Persian Gulf War in 1991 through 2003, the United States and Britain used Incirlik and an air force base in Diyarbakir — near the Iraq border — to fly Operation Northern Watch missions over northern Iraq. Those missions stopped then-Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein from harassing minorities in the north, including the Kurds, while providing Turkish intelligence on Kurdish militant groups.

Even at the height of Northern Watch, when an average 5,000 Americans were based at Incirlik, Turkish military officials placed strict limits on what they did.

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## Upgrade process dials up new telephone numbers

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Airmen and civilians stationed at Aviano are getting a good reason to order new business cards: The on-base commercial phone numbers will change Jan. 31.

It's the first part of a process that will eventually replace an antiquated system with a capacity of about 4,000 phone numbers.

"We need to expand that to 10,000," said Master Sgt. Mike Freeman of the 31st Communications Squadron.

But to do that, some of the numbers need to change.

Telecom Italia has already assigned other numbers with the same two-digit numbers that the base currently has to customers off base. So it found another two-digit number that no one had been assigned, Freeman said.

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the Stars and Stripes bureau at Aviano will switch from 0434-66-7652 to 0434-30-7652. DSN numbers will be unchanged.

In a few months, contractors from General Dynamics will install a new switch that will allow the base to offer more phone numbers and provide better service. But the amount of numbers won't actually increase until new infrastructure is installed.

That's not likely to happen for a few years. The installation project 11 is one of eight currently on hold because of a decision by the Spanish government to delay approval NATO funding.

Crews from the squadron's telephone

maintenance section have been surveying the more than 500 facilities on base for seven months. They've got more work to do after the switch is installed.

But since the needed work has already been completed to change the numbers, the base decided to go ahead.

"We wanted to make sure this was taken care of first," Tech Sgt. Chuck Whitten said.

The move comes just about a year after the Army made a similar change to its commercial phone numbers in Vicenza.

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## Sex crimes hearing

An Article 32 hearing for a 1st Armored Division soldier accused of sex crimes with a child resumed Wednesday in Hanau, Germany.

Spc. Jerry L. Lewin, 32, is charged with sodomizing and having carnal knowledge of a child younger than 12 years old, indecent acts with a female younger than 16, and being absent without leave from his unit, according to Maj. Michael Indovina, 1st AD public affairs officer.

Lewin is assigned to the 1st AD's 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, based in Bldm. He was charged Sept. 10, and the Article 32 began Jan. 10, but was adjourned until Wednesday by request of Lewin's defense attorney.

An Article 32 is similar to a civilian grand jury hearing. Unlike grand juries, which are closed, the Article 32 is an open hearing.

## Warrant officer course

The Army is looking for soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen for fewer than 12 years in active federal service to fill its warrant officer ranks.

A joint service agreement allows servicemembers who are selected for the program to be discharged from their component and enlisted in the Army. Applicants must apply for the program

while on active duty and must have at least 12 months remaining on their enlistment contract, according to the Warrant Officer Recruiting Web site.

Positions are open in all 45 specialties for qualified servicemembers. Plus, other Department of Defense job specialties are being added daily, according to the Web site.

For more information and all required documents, see [www.us-army.mil/warrant](http://www.us-army.mil/warrant), or call DSN 312-536-0328, 312-536-0466, 312-536-0771, 312-536-1860, 312-536-0458 or 312-536-0484.

## AFN to air inauguration

Several AFN-Europe television shows will be postponed one week to make room for the live broadcast of the presidential inauguration and accompanying programs Jan. 20.

The inauguration will begin at 1 p.m. Central European Time on the AFN-News television channel and at 3 p.m. on AFN-Atlantic.

To make space in the schedule for the swearing-in ceremony at 6 p.m. and the following 1½-mile parade from Capitol Hill to the White House, "Destinations" and "The AFN Evening News" will be pre-empted along with several prime-time shows on AFN Atlantic.

AFN Power Network Radio will cover the inauguration highlights. From staff reports

# Fruitless WMD search comes to an end

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq has quietly concluded without any evidence of the banned weapons that President Bush cited as justification for going to war, the White House said Wednesday.

The Iraq Survey Group, made up of some 1,200 military and intelligence specialists and support staff, spent nearly two years searching military installations, factories and laboratories whose equipment and processes might be converted quickly to making weapons.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said there no longer is an active search for weapons. "There may be a cou-

## Inspectors with Iraq Survey Group return home after nearly 2 years chasing weapons

ple, a few people, that are focused on that" but it has largely concluded, he said.

"If they have any reports of [weapons of mass destruction], obviously they'll continue to follow up on those reports," McClellan said. "A lot of their mission is focused elsewhere now."

Chief U.S. weapons hunter Charles Duelfer is to deliver his final report on the search next month.

"It's not going to fundamentally alter the findings of his earlier report," McClellan said, referring to preliminary findings

from September. Duelfer reported then that Saddam Hussein not only had no weapons of mass destruction and had not made any since 1991, but that he had no capability of making any either. Bush unapologetically defended his decision to invade Iraq.

Duelfer is expected to report on the removal of enriched uranium, a key ingredient in nuclear weapons production, and that the United States was offering jobs to Iraqis engaged in weapons programs, another administration official said on condition of anonymity.

Bush has appointed a panel to investigate why the intelligence about Iraq's weapons was wrong.

The Washington Post reported that Duelfer is home, and analysts are back at Langley, Va.

In interviews, officials who served with the Iraq Survey Group said the violence in Iraq, coupled with a lack of new information, led them to fold up the effort shortly before Christmas.

The CIA declined to authorize any official involved in the weapons search to speak on the record for The Post's story. The intelligence official offered an authoritative account of the status of the hunt on the condition of anonymity. The agency did confirm that Duelfer is wrapping up his work and will not be replaced in Baghdad.

## Insurgent attacks up in Mosul

### U.S. detains suspects in slaying of governor

BY JASON KEYSER  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents launched a string of attacks in the northern city of Mosul as part of their escalating campaign of violence before the Jan. 30 elections, killing two Iraqi National Guardsmen and wounding two others in a car bombing Wednesday, a day after another ambush killed three Iraqis, the U.S. military said.

A U.S. servicemember assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action in the volatile western Anbar province, the military said Wednesday. The unit is based at Camp Fallujah, west of Baghdad. The military had no further details about the circumstances of the American's soldier's death.

In Baghdad, U.S. forces detained six suspects in the slaying of the provincial governor of the area around the Iraqi capital, the military said Wednesday. Troops detained the suspects in an early-morning raid on a house in Baghdad's northern Huriyah neighborhood Tuesday.

Gunmen opened fire on Ali al-Haidari's three-vehicle convoy Jan. 4 in the neighborhood, killing the governor and six bodyguards.



U.S. Army armored vehicles and troops patrol in Mosul on Wednesday. Insurgents ambushed a convoy of American and Iraqi forces Tuesday, detonating a roadside bomb and firing from a mosque in an attack that killed three Iraqi National Guardsmen, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

Two of those detained were directly involved in the slaying, said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Hammond, assistant commander of the 1st Cavalry Division, which controls Baghdad.

Iraq's insurgents repeatedly have targeted government officials around the country, saying they are allies of the U.S.-led coalition.

On Tuesday, insurgents in Mosul hit a convoy of American and Iraqi forces by detonating a roadside bomb and firing from a mosque, killing three National Guardsmen.

The troops were bringing heaters and other supplies to a school when they were attacked, a military statement said. The convoy was hit first with a roadside bomb and then sprayed with gunfire from a nearby mosque. No Americans were reported hurt.

In a separate clash, insurgents fired on a U.S. patrol in southern Mosul, sparking a battle that killed one attacker and injured another.

In the city of Baqubah, northeast of Baghdad, gunmen fatally shot Jawad Ibrahim, an assistant to the mayor, as he was fixing his car in an industrial neighborhood, police said.

Also Wednesday, a U.S. military official involved with reconstruction projects briefed reporters on the progress in repairing and building new water and sewage treatment plants, power stations and upgrading oil infrastructure.

Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, commander of the Gulf Region Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said \$4 billion has been spent so far on 1,550 projects that also include work on schools, clinics and railway stations.

Bostick also linked reconstruction with improving security, saying putting Iraqis to work on rebuilding the country would help dampen the withering insurgency.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, at least 1,356 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to Associated Press count. At least 1,068 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is one higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,218 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 959 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 10,372 U.S. servicemembers have been wounded in hostile action, according to a Defense Department tally released Tuesday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A U.S. soldier was killed in Iraq's Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

■ Army Staff Sgt. William F. Manuel, 34, Kinder, La., and Army Sgt. Robert W. Sweeney III, 22, Pineville, La., killed Monday when an explosive hit their vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq, assigned to the Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Brigade, 256th Infantry Brigade, Lake Charles, La.

## NATO organizing arms shipment for Iraq military

BY PAUL AMES  
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO is organizing the shipment to Iraq of thousands of AK-47 assault rifles, dozens of Soviet-designed tanks and other weapons as part of the alliance's program to help train and equip the Iraqi military, officials said Wednesday.

Romania has offered 6,000 AK-47s, along with 500 machine guns, 300 sniper rifles and 100 rocket-propelled grenade launch-

ers; Estonia, 2,400 AK-47s, and Denmark, 104 pistols, alliance officials said.

NATO is also arranging transport of 77 T-72 tanks from Hungary to Iraq, said the officials, speaking on the alliance's customary condition of anonymity.

All arms and military hardware are being given as a donation.

The alliance agreed last year to help coordinate the supply of weapons to Iraq's fledgling armed forces.

Several former Warsaw Pact nations that joined NATO last year — such as Romania and Estonia — have surpluses of Soviet-era equipment which military experts say is ideal for Iraqi military members, many of whom are familiar with such weapons from the days of Saddam Hussein.

Officials said about 100 NATO personnel currently were in Iraq preparing an expansion of the alliance's training mission there, which was launched on a small scale in August.

Alliance foreign ministers last month approved plans to expand the mission to about 300 early this year, but officials said many of those due to deploy still were undergoing preparation for the mission.

In Afghanistan, NATO is expected to announce next month that it is ready to expand its peacekeeping mission into the west of the country. The operation with about 8,000 troops currently is limited to Kabul, the capital, and a northern sector.

# War stories straight from the soldier's mouth

## Filmmaker to share experiences of battle by collecting troops' first-hand accounts

By LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Aaron Mighty wants to make a film about war, but he doesn't think actors and special effects will tell the story.

"We want to look at soldiers' whole lives: going into war, facing war and coming home," the director said Monday. "So we started last November, on Veterans Day, collecting stories from people in the military and their families. And the stories so far are phenomenal."

Mighty, an independent filmmaker from Florida, said the goal of his documentary "An American Soldier" is to help audiences appreciate the military experience by recording an intimate view of the heroism and tragedy inherent in war.

Mighty and three associates are also responsible for DearAmericanSoldiers.com, founded last year to collect holiday e-mails and online notes of encouragement for troops serving abroad.

Mighty said that campaign — which developed while he and friends researched for the movie — has given him ideas and encouragement, convincing him the movie will touch many viewers' lives.

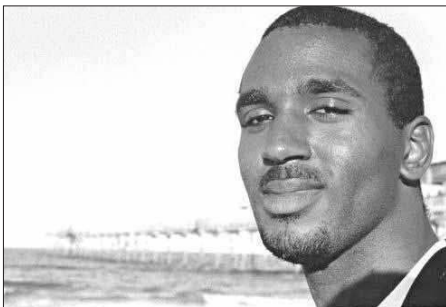
The group has collected about 250 stories, ranging from a Wisconsin paratrooper who served as an advance scout for D-Day to a Gulf War veteran concealing his postbattle health problems from friends and co-workers.

"We have one story of a guy serving in the Korean War whose unit adopted a young boy after his parents were killed in a battle," he said. "Eventually, when the unit moved they had to leave the child behind, and the boy ran after the trucks as they left, crying."

His goal is to collect more than 1,000 stories, select the most compelling, and begin filming this spring.

Mighty, 26, is a graduate student at University of Central Florida with no formal film training. His only previous full-length film, "One Happy Movie," has been shown in limited release and features interviews with different people discussing what brings joy to their lives.

Mighty said he is meeting next month with possible financial backers for the project, which he expects will cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000. But he thinks the emotional stories and the firsthand look at war will draw support, especially in light of the war on terror.



Courtesy to Stars and Stripes

Independent filmmaker Aaron Mighty is making "An American Soldier" to help audiences appreciate the military experience by having troops, veterans and families tell their stories.

"It may be hard to avoid the politics of war today," he said. "But that's not our goal." My cousin Charles is stationed over in Iraq. Growing up, we were close. When he was sent over last summer, it made it really personal for me. People should cele-

brate our American men and women serving every day of the year."

Troops and retired military personnel can submit their stories for consideration at [www.anaamericansoldiermovie.com](http://www.anaamericansoldiermovie.com).

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## Kuwait safety alert doesn't faze Americans

KUWAIT CITY — A U.S. Embassy alert that at least one terrorist was driving around in a black car with the intent to attack Westerners — and a shoot-out the same day that left that suspect and two policemen dead — barely fazed Americans living in this small oil-rich state. Many of the some 13,000 American civilians living in this major Washington ally have seen such incidents before and some say it is still safer to live in Kuwait than in big American cities.

"Authorities pretty well have it under control," said Peter Manning, 60, a lawyer from New York City who has been in Kuwait for 11 years.

On Monday morning, the embassy warned in an urgent message on its Web site that one or more people moving about Kuwait in a black-colored sedan intended to randomly attack Westerners.

The man, identified as Fawaz Tlaq al-Otaibi, was later arrested. He was injured in the shootout and died. Two policemen also died.

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Steve Fricker applies a protective windshield coating for an Army Black Hawk helicopter at Pro-Tint Inc. in Kannapolis, N.C., on Friday. Starting this month, the company will ship the coating, which is to be installed on Black Hawks being flown on combat missions in war zones.

## Black Hawks to get NASCAR-quality windshield coating

By PAUL NOWELL

The Associated Press

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. — A protective windshield coating that improves visibility for NASCAR drivers is getting a new application on the windshields of Army Black Hawk helicopters flying combat missions over Iraq.

The clear plastic film — used to keep flying debris from ruining the view for race drivers — was pioneered by tiny Pro-Tint Inc., a company with just 14 employees that came up with tear-away windshield film in the late 1990s. The multilayer product is now used by virtually all Nextel Cup teams.

Instead of replacing a scratched and pitted windshield, race teams merely peel off a layer of the protective film to reveal a new, clear layer of film underneath.

Recently, Pro-Tint teamed up with United Protective Technologies, another small firm, to produce a thicker and more complex Mylar protective film for military helicopters.

Starting this month, the companies will start shipping the coating, which is to be installed on hundreds of Black Hawks flying in war zones like Iraq and Afghanistan.

In normal use, Black Hawk windshields last about two years. But the harsh conditions of the Middle East — where helicopters are pelted with grit and sand and other debris — have reduced the average durability to under a year, the military has told Pro-Tint.

"This will double the life of a Black Hawk's windshield," Fricker said of the technology, which resulted from a three-year development effort with United Protective Technologies.

## NCO guilty of adultery

The acting first sergeant of a Vilsack, Germany-based unit serving in Iraq pleaded guilty Friday to charges of adultery and violating a lawful general order, according to a case summary prepared by the Task Force Danger

staff judge advocate's office.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Durrant, 38, of Company A, 201st Forward Support Battalion, acknowledged having sex with a private first class under his command in his barracks at Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Baquba, the summary said. Judge (Col.)

Denise Lind, ordered him to serve five months in jail and reduced in rank to E-4. According to the summary, the soldier testified she felt Durrant — who is married and a 19-year Army veteran — "had advantage" of her and had come on to her several times.

From staff reports



PHOTOS BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY/Stars and Stripes

Above: Capt. Todd Schmidt, of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, started Operation Dreamseed Inc., as a way to help Afghan schoolchildren. But the idea has quickly turned into a full-fledged nongovernmental organization with benefactors from across the United States. Right: Two Afghan girls walk away with new backpacks given to them by American soldiers in Kandahar, Afghanistan, through Operation Dreamseed. The bags were given out after an "I Choose Freedom" speech contest in December. All 2,500 children participating in the contest received a new backpack.



# Planting the seeds of freedom

## Army captain's idea blossoming into vast charity for Afghan children

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY  
Stars and Stripes

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A minister's sermon, a dinner chat with mom and a series of thank-you notes have helped launch a humanitarian effort that stretches from the mud hovels of Afghanistan to the high-rises of America.

It is the effort of a U.S. Army captain who took a seed of an idea to assist Afghan schoolchildren and nurtured it into a full-fledged nongovernmental organization.

In characteristic fashion, Capt. Todd Schmidt modestly attributes the growth of Operation Dreamseed Inc. to "the heart-land heroes" back home. They range from a large New York City law firm and a Chicago philanthropist, to a Houston middle school and a Beverly Hills investment consulting firm.

Another backer is Abdul Aziz, who emigrated from Afghanistan to the United States in 1980, starting his new life as a dishwasher.

"I couldn't believe it," Aziz said of Schmidt's efforts. Aziz, who is now a civil engineer, spoke by telephone from his home in Corona, Calif. "He's a wonderful person. I hope he succeeds, and I'll help him as much as I can."

That help doesn't involve just the folks back home.

Dozens of soldiers assisted Schmidt with Dreamseed's first large-scale effort last month. The "I Choose Freedom" speech contest in early December drew 2,500 Afghan students and thousands of parents. By day's end, each child received a backpack stuffed with school supplies from donors in the United States.

"We had a soccer field filled with kids," Schmidt said of the event. "That was something."

The idea for Dreamseed began in February, when Schmidt returned to his boyhood home in Greenwood, Ind.

Schmidt and his wife, Joy, were visiting family before his deployment to Afghanistan. One night, while seated at his parents' dinner table, his mother, Wendy, asked him to look for ways she and her pupils at Maple Grove Elementary School could make a difference for Afghan children.

When he and other members of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii headed to Afghanistan in the spring, Schmidt began to survey the conditions of local schools in the Kandahar area.

"You can walk into just about any classroom and see that they don't have chalkboards," Schmidt said. "They don't have desks or chairs. Most classrooms have dirt floors, and there are no window panes and no doors."

At about the same time, Schmidt and the other soldiers of his unit, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, began receiving care packages from anonymous people in the United States. The goodies boxes consisted of the normal fare, such as candy and hygiene items. Schmidt had one request of his soldiers: When you receive a care package, reply with a short thank-you note.

"He means the best in everything he does," said Spc. Christopher Cipponeri, a 21-year-old assigned to the battery.

That simple gesture made a huge impression.

"When we sent those thank-you notes," Schmidt said, "everything kind of blossomed out of it."

The notes generated return letters, many asking the troops what else they might need.

"We have everything you need, really, when you think about it," the 32-year-old

captain said, referring to the amenities on base.

Schmidt began thinking of the Afghan children, and their dire situation. His thoughts and observations were passed along in letters. That was all it took to set in motion Dreamseed, a term he borrowed from a minister back home.

One of the care packages his unit received was from Connie Frattinini, a partner in the New York City law firm of Shearman & Sterling, which boasts more than

1,000 lawyers worldwide. Letters evolved into e-mails and then to phone calls. Eventually, Frattinini and another partner, Saralynn Cohen, offered to provide pro bono work to incorporate Dreamseed and to help it apply for tax-exempt status as a nonprofit organization.

Dreamseed was formally incorporated on Nov. 12. By that time, donors large and small had stepped forward. The University of Nebraska, a leading authority on Afghanistan, and Denver University also are interested in furthering Dreamseed's mission.

That mission, Schmidt said, involves three phases.

The first is to provide schoolchildren in southern Afghanistan with basic school supplies.

Next is the renovation of schools, which is not as simple as it may seem. In a land where only 5 million of the nation's 28 million people can read, Schmidt noted that some teachers have their work cut out for them. In some cases, they use rocks to scrawl lesson plans on the walls of their mud-brick classrooms.

"These kids have nothing," said Cippon-

eri, a soldier who has played a major role in helping Schmidt. "All these children have smiles on their faces and wear rags for clothes. When you help them, it opens a new part of you in your heart."

Ultimately, Schmidt would like to establish an exchange program between Afghan teachers and institutions in the United States. He said talks with the University of Nebraska and Denver University are in their infancy, but already the latter is interested in sending doctoral candidates to Afghanistan.

"We want to get the new generation to lean toward the Western ideology," said Aziz, who is expected to become a member of Dreamseed's board of directors.

"The U.S. military isn't just there to give [Afghans] freedom from terror," Aziz added, America wants "to educate the young people of Afghanistan. It's very important. It's very important."

What's important to Joy Schmidt is her husband's safe return. On the organization's Web site, she wrote a congratulatory note, but implored him "to stay focused" on his primary responsibility — being a soldier. Schmidt smiled as he recounted those words.

One concern that seems to have dissipated is who will carry on his work in Afghanistan.

Aziz plans to return to assist the Afghan government, and cash donations to Dreamseed should allow Schmidt to hire two full-time employees. In addition, an officer with the 173rd Airborne Brigade from Vicenza, Italy, the unit that will replace the 25th ID in the spring, has pledged to keep the initiative going.

The good will of so many people back home "is humbling," Schmidt said. "There are so many great people across America."

"If you have a generation of kids that realize the importance of education, to me, that's an investment in the future," Schmidt added. "We Americans need to foster those seeds of hope."

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# Bush: Women won't join combat

## President stands by DOD policy limiting female servicemembers

Stars and Stripes

President Bush made clear his position on women in ground combat Tuesday: No women in combat.

Despite extended tours of duties in Iraq for soldiers and an Army examination of women's roles, the president told editors and reporters of The Washington Times in an Oval Office interview that he has no intention of sending women into ground combat, a mission for which they are banned under Pentagon policy.

"There's no change of policy as far as I'm concerned," Bush told the Times. "No

women in combat. Having said that, let me explain, we've got to make sure we define combat properly: We've got women flying choppers and women flying fighters, which I'm perfectly content with."

The question came up in light of the Army's transforming its 10 active-combat divisions and re-examining women's roles. Instead of the normal three brigades per division, each division will have four or more "units of action." They are being designed to train and deploy as one modular unit, with combat and support units as one.

Therein lies the potential problem, the

Times wrote. Pentagon policy not only bans women from direct combat brigades, such as infantry or armor, it also says they cannot join support units that collocate with those units.

Congress requires that any change in women-in-combat rules first be presented to lawmakers.

In 1994, after reports of women excelling during Operation Desert Storm, the Clinton administration lifted bans on women in combat aircraft and ships. But it retained the prohibition against women in ground combat units and collocation, the Times reported.

### Frist: Afghanistan is example

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Wednesday he hoped Iraq's election would mirror the recent vote in Afghanistan in helping to "squell" militants and smooth the road to democracy.

After talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Frist, R-Tenn., said "nobody can anticipate" what will happen when Iraqis vote in elections set for Jan. 30. But Afghanistan's relatively peaceful vote last September set an encouraging example.

"Our hope is that we will see something very similar ... [which will] squelch, or overcome and overpower insurgencies, challenges to democracy, in a way that will far surpass people's anticipations," Frist told reporters in Karzai's Kabul palace.

Taliban militants failed to deliver on threats of major violence against the Afghan presidential election, and attacks appear to have waned since.

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## IN THE STATES

## More word of lasers hitting airplanes

BY LESLIE MILLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At least a dozen cases of lasers being beamed into aircraft cockpits since Christmas are being investigated by the FBI. The lasers can temporarily blind pilots.

A cluster of incidents received wide attention between Christmas and New Year's Day, and the FBI says at least four more have occurred in the past week.

Authorities have continued to rule out terrorism.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta was briefing reporters Wednesday about the issue at the Federal Aviation Administration's aeronautical research center in Oklahoma City.

Mineta was expected to announce new measures for alerting pilots and preparing them to react when lasers are shined at their aircraft. He was also expected to outline ways to notify law enforcement investigators more quickly.

Last week, a pilot told law enforcement officials that a green light appeared on the nose of his aircraft as it was taking off from the Burbank, Calif., airport.

"To our knowledge there was no danger to the aircraft," said Cathy Viray, spokeswoman for the FBI in Los Angeles.

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Weierman said the bureau was investigating. There have been no arrests and neither pilot was affected by the laser light, she said.

## Missile defense 'glitch' won't stop future tests

BY ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The failure of an interceptor missile to launch during a December test of the Pentagon's soon-to-be-activated missile defense system was caused by a "minor glitch" in its computer software, and the setback will not delay future testing, a senior official said Wednesday.

It was the first time the booster rocket was to be tested with a new and improved "kill vehicle," the device atop the rocket that uses computer codes and sensors to guide itself into the path of an incoming enemy missile. The device "kills" the target by colliding with it.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry A.

## Death toll at 10 in Calif. mudslide

Bodies of mother and three children latest found; searches continue

BY GREG RISLING

The Associated Press

LA CONCHITA, Calif. — Rescuers searching with shovels, their bare hands and tiny video cameras dropped into holes found the bodies of a woman and three of her children before dawn Wednesday, bringing the death toll from a mudslide in this seaside hamlet to 10, officials said.

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Obering, director of the Missile Defense Agency, said the Dec. 15 test will be redone in mid-February, and additional tests in April, July and September will proceed as planned.

In the meantime, the eight missile interceptors that are now in underground silos in Alaska and California are capable of being activated for use against an actual missile attack against the United States, Obering told reporters.

He said he did not know when the system, which links the interceptor missiles with a network of tracking radars and a command post, would be formally declared ready for use. The Bush administration had made it a goal to activate the system by the end of 2004.



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger planned to visit the area Wednesday.

The days of torrential rain also triggered fatal traffic accidents

all across the state, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands, imperiled hillside homes and caused flash floods.

In La Conchita, firefighters re-

Emergency workers search through home debris Tuesday for possible survivors trapped inside collapsed houses after a mudslide in the tiny coastal town of La Conchita, Calif. A hillside toppled Monday, damaging more than a dozen homes and burying others under 25 feet of mud and rock, leaving at least six people dead.

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mained hopeful they might still find at least some people alive.

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# Bush proposal would expand testing in high school grades

By DEB RIECHMANN  
The Associated Press

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — President Bush on Wednesday began his push to require high school students to take the math and reading tests now required of younger students under the No Child Left Behind law, the most ambitious item on the president's state of second-term education proposals.

"Testing is important," Bush said at J.E.B. Stuart High School in this Washington suburb. "Testing at high school levels will help us become more competitive as the years go by. Testing in high schools will make sure that our children are employable for the jobs of the 21st century. ... Testing will make sure the diploma is not merely a sign of endurance, but the mark of a young person ready to succeed."

In education, Bush's focus is on high schools and on expanding the No Child Left Behind Act that is designed to raise achievement among poor and minority children and penalize schools that don't make adequate yearly progress.

"We're not interested in mediocrity," Bush said at the school,

which was the lowest-performing among those in relatively prosperous Fairfax County, Va., in 1997, but met its academic goals under No Child Left Behind Act in the 2003-04 school year. "We're interested in excellence so not one single child is left behind in our country," he said.

Bush wants to require states to test students annually in reading and math in grades three through 11. That's an expansion of the law he signed in 2002, which requires those tests in grades three through eight, and at least once during grades 10 to 12.

The president also wants to require that the 12th grade National Assessment of Educational Progress be administered in every state in reading and math every two years.

Rep. George Miller of California, ranking Democrat on the House Education Committee, has said the idea of adding testing "is going to have rough sledding, not just on Capitol Hill but I think in communities all across the country." Miller says schools are struggling to keep up with the financial burden of their existing federal requirements, let alone new ones.



President Bush and Margaret Spellings, Bush's nominee to replace Rod Paige as secretary of Education, walk to the Oval Office at the White House on Wednesday.

## Guard comes to rescue of frozen town

By MARY PEMBERTON  
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — An Alaska National Guard helicopter reached a frozen Arctic village with technicians who hoped to repair its electrical generator, which failed Sunday during a blizzard that sent the temperature to 20 below zero.

About 100 of Kaktovik's 300 residents were in the village's equipment maintenance building because it still had power. Others were heavily dressed and hunkered down in other buildings with stoves or small generators.

Alaska National Guard spokeswoman Kalei Brooks said the helicopter and a cargo plane approached the village Tuesday afternoon. Snow drifts on a runway kept the airplane from landing, but the helicopter touched down in Kaktovik itself 2 to 3 miles away.

The time on the ground was brief — just five to 10 minutes, Brooks said.

"It was on the ground long enough to offload the technicians they need to restore the power," she

said, plus about 600 pounds of portable generating equipment.

Conditions in Kaktovik were a little colder Tuesday with a reading of 25 degrees below zero and winds gusting up to 45 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Earlier air attempts to reach Kaktovik were frustrated by "a complete, total whiteout," said Mike Haller, a spokesman for the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

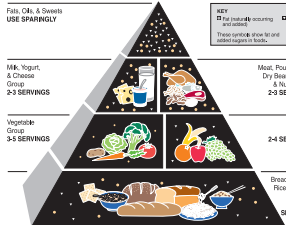
People who couldn't leave their homes were using propane stoves, kerosene heaters and wood stoves to try to stay warm, or bundling up in arctic gear. No injuries have been reported, said Dennis O. Packer, also in the mayor's office.

Planes were under way to get another 4,000 pounds of generators, oil and other equipment to the northeast Alaska village, which is on Barter Island along the Beaufort Sea coast. It's the only village in the 19.6-million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Officials said if aircraft couldn't make the next delivery, the equipment would be loaded onto SnoCats for a 100-mile overland trip from Deadhorse in the Prudhoe Bay oil fields.

### Food Guide Pyramid

A Guide to Daily Food Choices



USDA

Shown is the USDA's original food pyramid, created 12 years ago. Revised dietary guidelines issued Wednesday emphasize eating whole grains and more fruits and vegetables.

## Calories, exercise part of new diet guidelines

By LIBBY QUAID  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government on Wednesday urged most Americans to eat fewer calories and exercise 30 to 90 minutes a day, updating guidelines that advised people to lose weight but gave few specifics on how to do it.

The new dietary guidelines will be used to update the familiar food pyramid, which most people recognize but few heed. The revision will be the pyramid's first since it was created 12 years ago.

Federal officials acknowledged that much of the advice will not be new to Americans, who spent millions of diet books trying to lose weight.

"It's really common sense. Do you want to look better? Do you want to feel better?" Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said. "You lower your calorie intake, you lower your carbs, your fats. You eat more fruits and vegetables, and you exercise. That's as simple as it can be. That is not too hard."

The guidelines, developed by HHS and the Agriculture Department, strengthen the government's advice on whole grains, telling people to choose whole grains such as

whole wheat bread instead of refined ones like white bread or bagels.

People should also eat a lot more vegetables and fruit, particularly whole fruits and vegetables rather than juices, the guidelines said. And they recommend three one-ounce servings of whole grains each day, such as certain unsweetened breakfast cereals, to reduce the risk of heart disease and help maintain weight.

The guidelines were based on recommendations of a 13-member panel of scientists and doctors. The committee said people lead sedentary lifestyles and choose their food poorly, leading many to exceed the calories they need even as they fail to get enough nutrition.

Controlling calories — not limiting carbohydrates, as some popular diets recommend — is key to controlling weight, the panel said.

Also key is daily exercise. The panel recommended a minimum of at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise — brisk walking or gardening — on most days.

But it said many adults need to exercise for 60 minutes or more to prevent weight gain, and people who have lost weight may need to exercise for 60 to 90 minutes to keep it off.

### Bond set in civil rights case

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. — Edgar Ray Killen, the reputed Klansman charged with the 1964 murders of three civil rights workers in rural Mississippi, was ordered held Wednesday on \$250,000 bond as he awaits a March 28 trial.

Circuit Judge Marcus Gordon also ordered that if Killen is able to post the bond, he must report to the sheriff each week on his whereabouts.

Killen said after his arraignment last week that he was unable to afford an attorney.

From The Associated Press

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# New Apple products going smaller, more affordable

BY MAY WONG  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Seeking to make inroads against lower-cost competitors, Apple Computer Inc. introduced a cut-rate computer the size of a paperback and a tiny iPod that starts at \$99 but holds far fewer songs than the company's hard drive-based music players.

The new products were introduced Tuesday by Apple CEO Steve Jobs at Macworld Expo.

The Mac mini computers go on sale Jan. 22 and represent Apple's first foray into the budget desktop PC arena, which has been largely confined to personal computers that rely on Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system.

Smaller than even some standalone external computer drives, they lack a monitor, mouse and keyboard. The 40-gigabyte Mac mini will cost \$499, an 80-gigabyte model \$599.

They'll ship with Apple's latest operating system, Mac OS X Panther, as well as the newest version of its iLife suite of digital media software programs, also unveiled Tuesday.

"People who are thinking of switching will have no more excuses," Jobs said. "It's the newest and most affordable Mac ever."

Apple has just a 3 percent share of the U.S. computer market, and company executives say they're aiming with the Mac mini to woo PC users who may have felt Apple products were too high-priced.

The iPod shuffle, on the other hand, seeks to build on Apple's heady success in the portable music business while appealing to people seeking flash memory-based players, which are more durable and lightweight than those using hard drives for storage — and thus better suited as exercise partners.

The shuffle is smaller than most packs of chewing gum, weighs less than an ounce and is a third of an inch thick.

Unlike its larger cousin, the iPod mini, the shuffle lacks a display. There's a scroll wheel for the controls so stored songs can either be played sequentially or automatically shuffled in random order.

Apple is selling two versions of the iPod shuffle.



APPLE COMPUTERS/AP

Apple is releasing a new, smaller \$99 version of its popular iPod, as well as a mini computer selling for as low as \$499.

The smallest-capacity model will have 512 megabytes of storage, which holds up to 120 songs, and costs \$99. A one-gigabyte version, which holds up to 240 songs, will sell for \$149.

Until Tuesday, the lowest cost iPod was the mini, which costs \$249 for four gigabytes — enough to store about 1,000 songs.

## Illinois House passes gay rights bill

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Illinois House on Tuesday passed a bill that bans discrimination against gays and sent it to Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who has said he supports the measure.

If the Democratic governor signs it, Illinois will join 13 other states that bar discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"This legislation sends a clear message that we will not allow our citizens to be discriminated against," Blagojevich said in a statement.

The measure would add "sexual orientation" to the state law that protects people from bias based on race, religion and similar traits. It applies to discrimination in such areas as jobs and housing.

Opponents argued it would lead to approval of gay marriage and allow cross-dressers to use rest rooms of the opposite sex.

## Clinton defends women's rights

NEW YORK — U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton urged hundreds of supporters of women's rights not to give up despite difficulties created by President Bush's policies.

The New York Democrat, who was a keynote speaker at the 1995 U.N. women's conference in Beijing, told the annual awards dinner of the International Women's Health Coalition Tuesday night that "the current administration is making it more difficult for women to receive the full range of health services."

The platform adopted at the 1994 U.N. population conference in Cairo says women have the "right to make decisions concerning reproduction, free of discrimination, coercion and violence." The Beijing platform says women have the right to decide "on matters related to their sexuality, including sexual and reproductive health."

## New England has flu shot surplus

BOSTON — The New England states, which just three months ago struggled to get enough flu vaccine for their residents, now have a glut of the medicine, raising the possibility that surplus shots will be thrown away at the end of the flu season.

The Boston Globe has determined that more than 300,000 doses of flu vaccine still may be available in all six states in the region.

In Vermont, officials are pushing to get rid of 5,000 remaining doses of flu vaccine.

States around the country imposed vaccine restrictions in October after British regulators unexpectedly shut down a major U.S. vaccine supplier due to concerns about bacterial contamination. Initially, healthy children and adults under 75 were barred from getting shots.

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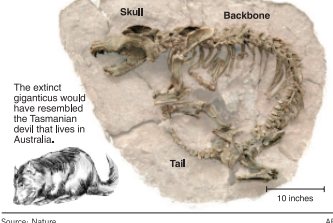
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## Mammals turn tables on dinosaurs

A 130-million-year-old mammal named Repenomamus giganticus found in fossil beds in Yixian, China, was the size of a dog large enough to feast on young dinosaurs. A related species also was found with the remains of a dinosaur in its stomach.



Source: Nature

# Preserved remains show mammals fed on small dinosaurs

BY JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA

The Associated Press

DENVER — Villagers digging in China's rich fossil beds have uncovered the preserved remains of a tiny dinosaur in the belly of a mammal, a startling discovery for scientists who have long believed early mammals could not possibly attack and eat a dinosaur.

Scientists say the animal's last meal probably is the first proof that mammals hunted small dinosaurs some 130 million years ago. It contradicts conventional evolutionary theory that early mammals were timid, chipmunk-sized creatures that scurried in the looming shadow of the giant reptiles.

In this case, the mammal was about the size of a large cat, and the victim was a 5-inch "parrot dinosaur."

A second mammal fossil found at the same site claims the distinction of being the largest early mammal ever found. It's about the size of a modern dog, a breathtaking 20 times larger than most mammals living in the early Cretaceous Period.

Considering the specimens in tandem, scientists suggest the period in which these animals lived may have been much different than is commonly understood as the Age of Dinosaurs — a time dominated by long-necked, 85-ton plant-eaters and the emergence of terrifying hunters with blade-like teeth and sickle claws.

It appears that at least some smaller dinosaurs had to look over their shoulders for snarling, meat-eating mammals claiming the same turf.

"This new evidence gives us a drastically new picture," said paleontologist Meng Jin of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, a co-author of the study in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The fossils were found more than two years ago in Liaoning

province. The specimens were taken to a Beijing lab, where they were cleaned and analyzed by Chinese and American scientists.

The dinosaur-eater belongs to a species called Repenomamus robustus, known previously from skull fragments.

This squat, toothy specimen is more complete; lying on its side, it measures a little less than 2 feet long and probably weighed about 15 pounds.

On R. robustus' left side and under the ribs in the location of its stomach are the fragmented remains of a very young Psittacosaurus.

This common, fast-moving plant-eater is known as the "parrot dinosaur" because it had a small head with a curved, horn-like beak.

Its arms were much shorter than its legs. Adults grew to be 6 feet long, but the one that was devoured was just 5 inches.

The remains still are recognizable, indicating that R. robustus ripped its prey like a crocodile, but probably had not developed the ability to chew food like more advanced mammals.

"We can still see articulated limb bones," Meng said. "It must have swallowed food in large hunks without being chewed."

The larger, second fossil also is a Repenomamus, but considerably larger. It measures more than 3 feet long and probably weighed more than 30 pounds. Scientists have named it R. giganticus.

This new class of predatory mammals has set off new speculation.

Originally, scientists believed that mammals remained small because larger dinosaurs were hunting them. Only after dinosaurs went extinct by 65 million years ago did surviving mammals begin to grow larger, they reasoned.

Now, the presence of larger mammals is reversing some of the speculation.

## Journey to Juneau challenges legislators

BY MATT VOLZ

The Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Old-timers grumble that modern conveniences are robbing Alaska of its status as the last frontier.

But try telling that to the state's lawmakers as they make their annual journey to the most inaccessible capital in North America.

Juneau is in the middle of the Tongass National Forest. There are no roads in or out; the only way to get there is by sea or air.

Some lawmakers have to travel more than 1,000 miles to reach Juneau — Carl Moses, who is from a district in the Aleutian Islands, flies the same distance as a New Yorker vacationing in Miami just to get to work.

On the other hand, the reward is four months in this picturesque port town of 30,000 in Alaska's southeastern panhandle, where the mountains drop straight into the Inside Passage and humpback whales, orcas, seals and bears are just a boat ride away or around the next corner.

For the hundreds of part-time politicians and staffers who leave their homes, families and jobs to take part in the annual migration, getting to Juneau can be an exercise in serendipity or frustration.

John Coghill, a Republican representative from North Pole, and his wife, Luann, drive 660 miles and through two U.S.-Canada border checkpoints every year to reach Haines. From there, they take the 4½-hour ferry ride down the Lynn Canal to Juneau.

Flying is the better option for those who want a quicker trip, but it is not always an easy way in. With the region's quickly changing weather, powerful winds and rugged terrain, planes sometimes have difficulty landing at Juneau International Airport.

Republican Sen. John Cogswold of Anchorage said he and newly appointed Sen. Charlie Huggins had to spend a night in Sitka last



A fishing boat glides down the Gastineau Channel with Mount Juneau and Alaska's capital city as a backdrop Friday in Juneau, Alaska. State lawmakers must make an extra effort when planning their annual journey to the capital since it's reachable only by air or boat.

week when their plane was diverted because of bad weather.

"They should have made damn sure that we got in the first time," Cowdery grouched. "It's a bad taste in your mouth to start the session."

Cowdery is among the several lawmakers who support moving the capital out of Juneau, a decades-old argument that may surface again this legislative session, which began Monday. Juneau Mayor Bruce Botelho's drive to build a new more spacious and grand Capitol has started the debate again.

Juneau became the territory's capital at the beginning of the 20th century, as its population grew because of gold mine jobs. But after World War II, people began moving into the interior and south-central parts of the state.

Today, Anchorage, which is 558 miles northwest of Juneau by air, along the central coast, and Fairbanks, which is 628 miles northwest of the capital, in the interior, are among the most populous. Alaska's 630,000 residents, and now many argue that the capital should be moved closer to the people.

To make Juneau more accessible, the state has been studying a \$285 million proposal to punch a road through to connect the capital with the 1,500-mile Alaska Highway.

But many residents dismiss the idea, saying a road would destroy the main part of what makes the city unique.

## Remote capital

Juneau, the capital of Alaska, is located in the middle of the Tongass National Forest. With no roads in or out, the only way to get to the city is by sea or air.



Alaska population in 2000: 626,932

Juneau: 30,711

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# Old war, new technology

## Civil War maps, charts find homes on Internet

BY CARL HARTMAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Civil War buffs are getting access to a treasure trove of information — thousands of original maps and diagrams of battles and campaigns between 1861 and 1865, all posted on the Internet.

The Library of Congress is posting 2,240 maps and charts and 76 atlases and sketchbooks. While the Virginia Historical Society and the Library of Virginia are adding about 600 items. Much of the collection is online now; the rest will be by the spring.

The items depict troop positions and movements, as well as fortifications. There also are reconnaissance maps, sketches and coastal charts and theater-of-war maps.

One plan of the Mississippi port of Vicksburg was done in 1863, the year Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant forced its surrender on July 4 in one of the war's most decisive operations. It gave the Union control of the river and cut the Confederacy in two.

It also won the attention of President Lincoln to his most successful commander. Lincoln wrote Grant a letter of congratulation and promoted him to major general.

The Vicksburg map includes fortifications, railways, levees, drainage, vegetation and even the names of a few residents.

The same day Vicksburg fell, more than 300 miles away Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee began retreating to Virginia from Gettysburg, Pa., following his defeat there.

The National Archives and Records Administration recently drew attention to a map of the Gettysburg campaign in its own collection. It records positions of troops on July 2, 1863, when the South came close to winning the battle.

The agency has been looking at the back of some of its documents since it worked with Walt Disney



This map showing roads, railroads, houses and the movement of troops during the three days of the Battle of Gettysburg was published by artist Theodore Dittler shortly after the 1863 battle.

Pictures on the current film "National Treasure," a fictional story about a map to hidden treasure on the back of the original Declaration of Independence.

The Gettysburg map, which is not online, went with Lee's report on the battle to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. On the back of Lee's 14-page report was written:

"Read with satisfaction and returned to War Dept. Jeff Davis Aug. 6, 1863." Davis may have been relieved by the failure of Union Gen. George G. Meade to pursue and destroy Lee's retreating forces.

Gettysburg was a decisive defeat for the Confederates after a series of victories. Lee surrendered to Grant nearly two years later, after terrible losses on both sides.

The contribution of the Virginia Historical Society includes maps of Virginia locations, created by Confederate officers. They detail roads, bridges, waterways and buildings, including farms and plantations with the owners' names.

The Virginia society also presents the viewpoint of the Union side in a diary and scrapbook that belonged to Robert K. Sneden, an Army mapmaker. It includes battle plans and fortifications. The society acquired it recently after it had been locked in a bank vault for decades.

The Library of Virginia has maps that went with reports to the governor and field maps of the southern part of the state, found in books that belonged to Confederate Gen. William W. Loring.

Items already posted can be seen at: [http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil\\_war\\_maps/](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil_war_maps/)

*The Library of Virginia has maps ... found in books that belonged to Confederate Gen. William W. Loring.*

# 'Red state, blue state' tops list of '04 words

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — A list of linguists has deemed "red state, blue state, purple state" the phrase that most colored the nation's lexicon in 2004.

Attendees at the annual convention of the Linguistic Society of America on Friday chose the word or phrase that dominated national discourse over the course of the last year.

"It was the best candidate for word of the year," said Dennis Preston, a professor of linguistics at Michigan State University.

"I engaged the American public for the entire year. Nothing showed the blood-thirsty nature of the election as this."

The phrase "red state, blue state, purple state" represents the American political map. The term defines red as favoring Republicans, blue as favoring Democrats and purple showing swing or undecided states.

Other nominees for word of the year were: flip-flop, a politician who changes political stances; meet-up, a local special interest meeting organized through a national Web site; mash-up, a blend of two songs or albums into a single cohesive musical work; and wardrobe malfunction, an un-

anticipated exposure of bodily parts. The term was coined when viewers saw singer Janet Jackson's breasts during the Super Bowl halftime show.

This was the 15th year of the contest, sponsored by the American Dialect Society.

An annual win to the linguists' yang, the banned words list from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., contained three of the same phrases: red state-blue state, flip-flop and wardrobe malfunction. The dialect society is less judgmental and more descriptive in its approach.

With the contest considered very serious by the thousands or to conference attendees, there was plenty of joking to be found.

Preston made a pitch for the term lawn mullet, which describes a lawn that is neatly mowed in the front but unmowed in the back, as a candidate for the Most Creative category.

"Hillbilly armor," describing U.S. troops scavenging for materials to protect their vehicles, and

nerdvana, a term for collaborative geekiness, also were nominated in that category, but lost to pajamahaden: bloggers who challenge and fact-check traditional media.

"Least Likely To Succeed": FLOHPA: The collective abbreviations of Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, states said to have been among the most important in the 2004 American presidential election

From The Associated Press

## Words of the year

Some of the words chosen by the American Dialect Society as 2004's words of the year:

**Word of the Year:** red state, blue state, purple state; together, a representation of the American political map

**Most Useful:** phish: to acquire passwords or other private information (of an individual, an account, a Web site, etc.) via a digital ruse

**Most Creative:** pajamahaden: bloggers who challenge and fact-check traditional media

**Most Unnecessary:** carb-friendly: low in carbohydrates

**Most Likely To Succeed:** red, blue and purple states

**Least Likely To Succeed:** FLOHPA: The collective abbreviations of Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, states said to have been among the most important in the 2004 American presidential election

From The Associated Press

# Beer reigns as top alcohol choice, but wine and liquor are close behind

BY GREG EDWARDS

Dow Jones Newswires

ST. LOUIS — If you sometimes find yourself ordering a glass of wine or a mixed drink when you

used to order a beer, you're not alone.

Wines and distilled spirits continue to gain a bigger share of the alcoholic beverage market, at the expense of the beer industry.

It's a trend that has been going on since the late 1990s and continued in 2004. Analysts who follow the alcoholic beverage industry don't see it stopping anytime soon.

"We believe there is an overall image crisis with beer," Smith Barney Citicorp analyst Bonnie Herzog said.

As baby boomers age, they are more willing to buy wine and spirits instead of beer. And the wine and spirit companies are successfully targeting younger drinkers with advertising and promotions.

"Our wholesaler contacts have told us through a survey we conducted recently that beer has lost its 'sexiness' and appeal to young consumers," Herzog said. "We continue to believe the road ahead is a long one for the beer industry."

Beer remains, by far, the most popular alcoholic beverage in the United States. But its share of the alcohol market has slipped.

Beer Marketer's Insights, a

trade publication, estimates that beer accounted for 59.5 percent of the absolute alcohol content sold in its peak year, 1995. That had fallen to 56.7 percent in 2003.

The spirit industry began its big push in 1999, when it had 28.6 percent of the market. In 2003, its share had risen to 29.7 percent. Wine went from 12.6 percent to 13.6 percent.

The totals for 2004 aren't in, but it was "more of the same," said Ben Steinman, president of Beer Marketer's Insights.

The spirits industry spent almost \$100 million on broadcast advertising in 2004, compared with "almost zero" in 1999, said Frank Coleman, a senior vice president at the Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S. in Washington.

August Busch IV, president of the brewing unit at Anheuser-Busch Co., has said that wine and spirits represent a threat to his company and the rest of the beer industry.

Miller Brewing Co. President

Norman Adams said, "The single biggest threat facing the American beer business today is the possibility that we will allow the American consumer to get bored with beer."

So what are the brewers doing about it? For one thing, they are spending more money on promotions, including what they call on-premise spending. That means mostly bars and restaurants, but also hotels, clubs, and concession stands.

On-premise sales, as opposed to store sales, account for only 25 percent of all beer volume in the United States, but 48 percent of all beer retail dollars, making it an important battleground.

Wine and spirits companies have promoted themselves aggressively in bars and restaurants, increasing their sales. Legit Mason analyst Mark Swartzberg said.

And a little generational rebellion must be overcome, as well, Swartzberg said. Younger drinkers may choose wine or cocktails because their parents chose beer.

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## IN THE WORLD

## U.S. military limited by Indonesia

### Nation seeks to reassert control over troubled area

The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — The U.S. military faced tighter restrictions Wednesday as the Indonesian government sought to reassert control over foreign troops, relief workers and journalists in the tsunami-devastated region, which also has been the site of a rebel insurgency.

In Paris, the world's wealthiest nations said they support a moratorium on debt repayments by countries stricken by the Dec. 26 disaster that has killed more than 150,000 people.

The moves by the Indonesian government, aimed primarily at U.S. troops, underscore the nationalistic country's sensitivities at having foreign military forces operating there — even in a humanitarian effort. They also came amid warnings from the Indonesian military that areas of tsunami-battered Aceh province may not be safe for aid workers.

Hundreds of troops from Australia, Singapore, Germany and other nations are helping the relief mission. The Indonesian military is providing security for all of them.

The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, which is leading the U.S. military's relief effort, steamed out of Indonesian waters Wednesday because the U.S. Navy only has permission from the Indonesians to fly aircraft into its airspace that are directly supporting the humanitarian operation, said Lt. Cmdr. John M. Daniels, spokesman for the Lincoln carrier strike group.

Indonesian officials said the ship's pilots were to use its airspace for training missions.

U.S. Navy pilots, pilots of carrier-based warplanes cannot go longer than 14 days without flying or their skills are considered to have degraded too far.

Since the Abraham Lincoln has been stationed off Sumatra since Jan. 1, the carrier moved out of Indonesian waters so its pilots could conduct their training flights in international airspace.

Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla said foreign troops would be out of the country by March 31.



Survivors of the tidal wave disaster wait with their belongings to be taken to new refugee center outside Banda Aceh in Indonesia on Wednesday. Indonesian troops and volunteers are still clearing the dead from rubble after the Dec. 26 quake-triggered tsunami left its trail of destruction and claimed the lives of 106,000 people in Indonesia alone.

"A three-month period is enough, even the sooner the better," Kalla said.

The Pentagon said it is cooperating with foreign governments, but did not comment on the Indonesian deadline.

The Indonesian government also ordered aid workers and journalists to declare travel plans or face expulsion from Aceh as authorities moved to reassert control of the rebellion-wracked area.

The White House said Wednesday it has asked the Indonesian government to explain the restrictions on aid workers and journalists.

At a Paris meeting Wednesday, a French official said the world's wealthiest nations, including the United States, believe a temporary suspension of billions of dollars in debt repayments by tsunami-devastated countries will provide a necessary "breath of oxygen" for recovery and reconstruction from the disaster that killed more than 150,000 people across southern Asia.

While three debtor countries — Indonesia,

Sri Lanka and the Seychelles — support the moratorium, Thailand does not because it fears the potential effect on its standing in international financial markets, French Finance Minister Herve Giscard told RFI radio.

The details on the moratorium were being finalized Wednesday.

Security concerns threaten to hamper efforts to deliver aid to Aceh province on the northern tip of Sumatra island, where more than 100,000 people were killed and tens of thousands left homeless or in need. The United Nations has been running the relief effort, appealing to donors attending a conference in Geneva to honor the unprecedented \$4 billion in pledges to help victims.

Separatists in the Aceh region have been fighting for an independent state for decades. Indonesia's military chief offered the rebels a cease-fire Tuesday, matching a unilateral one already declared by the insurgents.

The military has nevertheless warned that rebels could harm aid convoys and use refugee camps as hideouts but has yet to offer evidence to back its claims.

### Spy agency reforms

LONDON — Britain's foreign spy agency MI6 is appointing a senior new official to check the quality of its intelligence following flawed reporting on Iraqi weapons, the government said Wednesday.

The service also is hiring a top business executive to modernize its management structure, said a spokesman for the Foreign Office, which oversees MI6.

An official report last year criticized the agency's intelligence on Iraq, saying information about Saddam Hussein's weapons relied in part on "seriously flawed" or "unreliable" sources. In October, MI6 formally withdrew intelligence that Iraqi troops could deploy some chemical and biological weapons on 45 minutes' notice — a claim used as rationale for joining the U.S.-led war on Iraq.

### Possible cattle ban

TORONTO — The announcement by Canadian authorities of another case of mad cow disease could strengthen the case of a group of U.S. cattlemen who want a ban against cross-border cattle trading to remain in place.

Authorities on Tuesday confirmed the case of the deadly brain-wasting disease in the western province of Alberta, the second animal found to have mad cow since U.S. officials announced last month they would resume the cattle trade with Canada in March.

Canadian officials said no part of the cow — the third case of the disease ever found in the country — has entered the human or animal feed system.

### Lead after UK storms

LONDON — Three people died after storms battered north Britain and Northern Ireland and 60,000 were without electricity in Scotland's border service as part of security assistance for the ex-Soviet country last Wednesday.

Across Scotland, roads and bridges were closed, ferry services abandoned and rail routes suspended as police and travel chiefs appealed to the public to postpone nonessential journeys.

Meanwhile some 10,000 homes in the northern English market town of Hexham remained without water due to flooding.

### Uzbek border patrols

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — The United States on Wednesday gave two patrol boats to Uzbekistan's border service as part of security assistance for the ex-Soviet country, the U.S. Embassy said.

The two Ukrainian-made Gyurza river patrol boats, valued at \$2 million are part of the State Department's security assistance program for Uzbekistan signed in 2003, the embassy said in a statement.

The vessels are expected to be used to patrol the Amu Darya River along Uzbekistan's border with Afghanistan.

Under the same program, the State Department earlier provided Uzbek border and security forces with training and equipment, including night vision devices, global positioning systems and helicopter flight simulators, the U.S. Embassy said.

From The Associated Press

## Germans detain 22 in raids

The Associated Press

ULM, Germany — German police stepped up their crackdown down on Islamic extremism Wednesday, detaining 22 people during raids of apartments and businesses allegedly used by a network that provided financing and support to terrorists.

About 700 officers searched apartments, mosques and call centers in five German states, discovering militant Islamic propaganda and forged passports and visas, authorities said.

"The result of the long-term investigation of 20 people who allegedly raised money through smuggling and producing false papers to 'pursue their ideological goals,'" said prosecutors in Munich.

Eleven were formally arrested while 11 others were placed in provisional custody.

## New EU constitution approved

BY CONSTANT BRAND

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Parliament gave its overwhelming endorsement to the European Union's first-ever constitution Wednesday and urged EU governments to quickly follow suit.

The EU assembly, meeting in Strasbourg, France, voted 500 to 137, with 40 abstentions, to ratify the new treaty, which is to take effect in 2007 if unanimously ratified across the 25-nation bloc.

The 732-member parliament called on EU governments to move quickly to sell the constitution, which faces widespread opposition in several EU-skeptic countries.

The parliament said EU governments should ensure that "all possible efforts be deployed to inform European citizens clearly and objectively about the content of the constitution."

"The result of the vote leaves no room for doubt of the support this European parliament has ex-

pressed," said European Parliament President Josep Borrell after the legislators gave the result a boisterous standing ovation.

His remarks were heckled down by euro-skeptics members from the British UK Independence Party, all of whom voted against and held up placards protesting the constitution, with one saying "this constitution is the death of Europe."

The parliament's main four parties — conservative, socialist, liberal-democrat and greens — mostly voted in favor, while communists, far-right parties and British conservatives voted against.

Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, whose country holds the EU presidency, urged all EU governments and the European Parliament to ratify the treaty, signed in Rome last October after a two-year drafting process.

"This is an important moment in the history of the parliament, and it is an important moment in Europe's ratification of Europe's constitution," said Juncker.

The 460-article constitution provides for an EU foreign minister and a president to be appointed by the EU leaders.

It streamlines EU decision-making, ending vetoes in almost 50 new policy areas, including judicial and police cooperation, education and economic policy. But veto rights remain in sensitive areas such as foreign affairs, defense, social security, taxation and culture.

The constitution gives the EU similar voting rules ensuring that decisions are adopted if at least 65 percent of the member states are in agreement and they represent at least 55 percent of the EU population of 455 million people.

Also, it will be easier for nations to opt out of EU policies they don't like or ban together and forge ahead without others being able to stop them as is now the case.

For the first time since the creation of the union in 1957, member states can voluntarily leave the bloc.

## Campaign tries humor to stop spread of AIDS

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — A new global campaign to stop the spread of AIDS uses three animated characters dressed as condoms who deliver a serious message in humorous public service spots in 41 languages. If you're going to have sex, use a condom.

The short spots are being offered free to broadcasters, community groups and universities and have the potential of reaching 80 percent of the world's population, Canadian producer-director Firdaus Kharas said Tuesday.

"We're using humor to stop the spread of AIDS," he said at a news conference launching the public service announcements, which are targeted at people aged 15 to 24 in countries threatened by the epidemic including India, China, Russia, the Caribbean and central Asia.

"The Three Amigos" — named Shaft, Stretch and Dick

— are pictured in a variety of settings from a spaceship to a soccer field to a casino. Twenty different spots are available in each of the 41 languages and vary from 20 to 60 seconds in length. Some spots are blatantly sexual, others more restrained. The punch line in the space-spot says: "No condom. No blastoff. Stop the spread of AIDS."

The soccer spot says: "You just can't score without a condom."

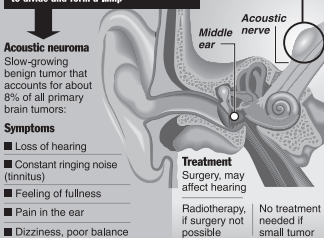
And the spot focusing on a roulette wheel in a casino says: "Not all gamblers realize the odds stacked against them. Don't gamble with your life. Use a condom. Stop the spread of AIDS."

Kharas said the idea for the spots came from his co-producer, South African film writer Brent Quint, who believes that AIDS is "a preventable disease," and that using animated figures and humor can get across the message that condoms are essential for safe sex.

## Mobile phone risk

U.K. study advises children under the age of eight not to use mobile phones, as heavy use may be linked to ear tumors:

**Tumor develops in the acoustic nerve, where cells which cover the nerve begin to divide and form a lump**



Source: Cancer Research UK, National Radiological Protection Board

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## Research finds cell phones bad for kids

BY SUE LEEMAN

The Associated Press

LONDON — Parents should not give mobile phones to children age 8 or younger as a precaution against the potential harm of radiation from the devices, the chairman of the National Radiological Protection Board said Tuesday.

Some experts deemed the warning unfounded and unwarranted, but a company that launched a phone aimed at young children said it was suspending sales until it has time to evaluate it.

Sir William Stewart, chairman of the NRPB, said there's no conclusive evidence showing a clear danger, but said a growing body of research shows that mobile phone use may have health implications, making it wise to adopt a "precautionary approach," particularly with children.

"I don't think we can put our hands on our hearts and say mo-

bile phones are safe," Stewart told a news conference. "When you come to giving mobile phones to a 3- to 8-year-old, that can't possibly be right."

The report cited recent studies in Sweden and Germany suggesting a potential health risk including brain tumors. It also noted research showing that radio waves can "interfere with biological systems" and a recent paper suggesting "possible effects on brain function resulting from the use of [next-generation] phones" which are becoming more common.

Many experts have dismissed those studies and other research performed to date as very inconclusive.

Still, while "there is no hard evidence at present that the health to the public, in general, is being affected adversely by the use of mobile phone technologies," Stewart said he was "more concerned" about the implications for health than five years ago, when he last reviewed the issue.

## South Korea gives green light for stem cell research

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A South Korean team of scientists who produced the first cloned human embryo last year were given government approval Wednesday to proceed with stem-cell research to find cures for diabetes, cerebral palsy and Parkinson's and other diseases — but not for work toward human cloning.

The scientists, led by Professor Hwang Woo-Sook of Seoul National University, must follow detailed guidelines set by the Ministry of Health and Welfare in December, one of which allows ex-

perimentation with unused eggs at fertility clinics.

The guidelines were issued after the South Korean Parliament in January 2004 banned human cloning but left room for stem-cell research for curing diseases.

Last February, Hwang's team successfully cloned a human embryo, from which they collected stem cells, the master cells that form during soon after conception and can turn into any tissue in the body.

"With today's action, Professor Hwang's team can spur their research under the government's supervision," the ministry said in a statement.

## Venice high and dry

VENICE, Italy — Often flooded by the exceptionally low tide these days, causing canals to dry up and water buses to be rerouted, officials said on Wednesday.

Water has gone down by at least 27 inches below sea level, the city office monitoring tides said.

Tourist gondolas are not reported to have problems. The exceptionally low tide was caused by moon movements and a spell of sunny weather, the office said.

## Blair backs pub hours

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday passionately defended new pub licensing laws that will allow Britons to drink around the clock and insisted it would not lead to an explosion in booze-fueled violence.

Later this year, restrictive licensing laws that require most pubs in England and Wales to close at 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 p.m. on Sundays will be lifted and bars will be able to apply for permissions to open any hours they like.

Opponents fear the change will encourage alcohol abuse and lead to increased violence in Britain's city centers.

But Blair insisted the rights of the majority to enjoy a pint when they choose must not be impinged because of an unruly minority.

## Scrap ATM not empty

OSLO, Norway — Arild Tofte and Kaare Hegdal know that recycling pays, but they weren't quite prepared for the jackpot that a scrapped cash machine contained.

The two Norwegians had been hired by the Sparebanken Moere bank to remove an outdated automatic teller machine, or ATM, from a gas station, media reported Wednesday.

During their rounds to pick up more scrap, they got a call saying a security guard was seeking the machine.

"The guy was apparently a bit agitated," said Tofte. "He was very eager to empty the cash from the machine."

The cash was removed. The bank, which blamed the incident on a communications mix-up — didn't say how much was in the ATM. But Tofte said the guard who emptied the machine told him it was enough to buy a house, take a luxury vacation and still have money to burn.

## Expensive convenience

GENEVA — Authorities in Geneva are bringing the city's public conveniences up to scratch — at a cost of \$13 million for just 35 new toilets, Swiss daily Le Matin reported Tuesday.

Each sparkling new facility is designed by a different architect at a cost of \$313,000 — the same as a one-bedroom, city center apartment.

Three of the toilets have already been installed. "Inside, they are functional and equipped to a high sanitary standard," the city council said on its Web site. "On the outside, each public toilet is different and adapted to its surroundings."

From wire reports

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## Mine deaths settled

**AL** BROOKWOOD — A settlement has been reached in lawsuits stemming from the nation's deadliest mining accident since 1984: a series of explosions at a central Alabama mine in 2001 that killed 13 miners.

The settlement resolved all civil legal proceedings associated with the Sept. 23, 2001, explosions against mine owner Jim Walter Resources, Walter Industries and its affiliated companies, according to a Jim Walter statement.

Company officials would not comment on the settlement details.

"This has been a very difficult, emotional time for all whose lives have been affected by this tragedy," said George Richmond, president and chief operating officer of Jim Walter.

## Keep off the ice

**NH** CONCORD — Snowmobilers are being warned to stay off the ice after a weekend in which three snowmobilers went through thin ice into Lake Winnepesaukee. One died.

"The ice conditions are treacherous," Fish and Game Lt. Jim Goss said. "Most of the lake is still wide-open water."

Even close to shore, the ice was probably only 4 to 6 inches thick, Goss said.

## Suspect kills self

**VA** RICHMOND — Virginia State Police say a Connecticut man wanted in a murder investigation in Florida took his life late Monday as troopers closed in on him.

Officers were pursuing the man on Interstate 95 near Richmond when the man pulled over and shot himself in the head, said Sgt. Kevin Barrick.

The man, whose identity was not released, was pronounced dead at VCU Medical Center.

Kay West Police notified Virginia authorities that the man and his 18-year-old son were heading for Connecticut in a white Lincoln Continental, Barrick said.

About 45 minutes after getting the alert, a trooper spotted the car.

Barrick said the man's son was not in the car.

## Trucker guilty in wreck

**CO** BRECKENRIDGE — A driver who lost control of his tractor-trailer on Interstate 70 and caused a pileup that killed a man has been sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Rosauro Saenz showed little emotion as Judge David Lass sentenced him to two six-year sentences for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault for the crash that injured 10 people.

Saenz, of El Paso, Texas, will serve the sentences after completing a federal sentence for transporting drugs into Texas from Mexico. That sentence ends next year.

Prosecutors said Saenz was going at least 35 mph over the speed limit on westbound I-70 between Silverthorne and the Eisenhower Tunnel when he crashed into a minivan, then smashed into



three other vehicles and plowed over the guardrail into a ravine.

## Bow hunt shot down

**VA** PORTSMOUTH — After a proposal to hold a public bow hunt of deer at Hoffer Creek Wildlife Preserve caused a stir, the foundation that runs the 142-acre property decided to drop the idea.

Instead, after consulting with a Fairfax County expert and counting the deer, the city is considering hiring police sharpshooters to shoot the animals to manage their population, Councilwoman Elizabeth M. Psimas said.

Last year, the City Council quashed the idea of a bow hunt after representatives of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and residents flooded city officials with complaints.

## Striking it rich

**SD** SIOUX FALLS — Some city officials earn more than the mayor and even the governor, city officials said. Lyle Johnson, city public works director, heads the city's salary list at \$137,280. Gov. Rounds' yearly salary is \$103,221, which would put him in sixth place if he worked for the city. The mayor earns \$96,173.

## Principal sues police

**MS** SPRINGFIELD — A school principal is suing four city police officers who he says dragged him through the window of his car and beat him while he was having a diabetic at-



## Smooth sailing

A sailboat floats down the Halifax River through late afternoon fog in Daytona Beach Shores, Fla.

tack.

Douglas Greer, a primary school principal, says police accused him of being a drug user before eventually getting him medical help.

Greer is seeking an unspecified amount of money in the federal lawsuit.

The suit says the officers kicked, choked and beat Greer as he repeatedly told them he was diabetic and needed juice or sugar.

The four officers have denied the accusations. A lawyer for two of them, Kevin Coyne, said his clients gave Greer "appropriate medical assistance."

The four have been placed on administrative duty, and the police commission is investigating Greer's claims.

## Kangaroo can stay

**WI** MADISON — A kangaroo that went on a walkabout of frigid Wisconsin just might settle down in the Midwest after all.

The red-haired marsupial, now known as "Roo," was captured outside of Dodgeville after sheriff's deputies cornered the 150-pound critter in a barn during a snowstorm.

Roo remains under quarantine at the Henry Vilas Zoo, and if no one claims it, zoo officials plan to introduce it to their other kangaroos to see if they get along.

But if things don't work out, Margaret Suter said she has room at her home near Madison, where she already keeps six kangaroos and a wallaby.

"I worried for that kangaroo. It lost its caregiver," Suter said. "And if you own one of these animals, you shouldn't turn your back on it."

## Gov. urges tolerance

**OR** SALEM — Gov. Ted Kulongoski urged state legislators to pass a bill outlawing discrimination against homosexuals.

In his "state of the state" address to a joint session of the Legislature as it began its 2005 session, Kulongoski said he will submit a bill that would forbid discrimination against gays in employment, housing and public accommodations.

## Hospital shooting

**MS** MERIDIAN — Two people were arrested Sunday in a fatal shooting at a hospital that may have been related to an earlier murder-suicide attempt, police said.

One of the suspects was arrested at Rush Foundation Hospital and the other turned himself in to police, Meridian City Chief Benny Dubose said. Both were expected to be charged Monday.

The man fatally shot at the hospital was the son of a man who Dubose said shot himself and a woman at a Meridian home Sunday morning in an apparent murder-suicide attempt. Dubose said one of the suspects is the woman's son.

The man and woman found at the home did not suffer life-threatening injuries. The fatal shooting victim's name was not immediately released by authorities.

Police closed off the hospital for several hours after the shooting to search for the gunman.



**Michael Rubin skates on the Fleet Center skating rink in front of the Providence, R.I., City Hall. Rubin is part of a growing number of adults hitting the ice for fitness and pleasure.**



**Mara Finley, left, and Ivy Johnson of Ludington, Mich., try to keep their balance as they sled at the water tower hill. Area schools were closed due to ice.**



**Recycling Hawaii-style** Jenny Wells, of Kailua, Hawaii, center, gives her bags of aluminum cans to Mark Garcia, right, and Benjamin Onga of Reynold's Recycling in Kailua. Hawaii recently became the first state in 16 years to pass a container redemption law. Hawaii has one of the most comprehensive programs in the country.



**Where's the steeple?** The steeple on Sacred Heart Church in Fried, N.D., is cut and removed from the building. The church will be moved in February from Fried to Sunset Memorial Gardens, a Jamestown, N.D., cemetery. The steeple will be erected at its original site in Fried with the three bells as the cemetery there.



### A real cool cat

A cat bats around a chunk of snow while prowling around homes in Kalispell, Mont. According to an owner of a nearby home, the cat was abandoned when its family moved, but some neighbors adopted the cat and share in its feeding and caring.



### Brothers team up

Siblings Scott Zeiber, 16, left, and Justin Zeiber, 15, take advantage of the warm weather to play basketball in a parking lot behind their home in Phillipsburg, N.J.



### A patch of blue

Dark clouds driven by high winds break behind a windmill in Macedon, N.Y.

### Fired preacher won't go

**IN** MARION — Grace Missionary Baptist Church wants the pastor to quit preaching to the choir — and everybody else. And the church's trustees are going to court to stop him.

The Rev. Ed McDowell Jr., who served at the church for more than 13 years, was fired in December after a vote by both the trustees and members.

But McDowell, 63, continues to preach there because he says the vote was invalid. He has changed the locks at the church and has tried to fire church officials himself, court records said.

Church leaders have asked for a restraining order that would force McDowell to return church property, remove his personal belongings and block him from using church funds for his legal defense.

### Ballot pileup

**NH** DOVER — Old election ballots are taking up space in town and city halls across New England.

Laws require clerks to keep federal ballots for 22 months before destroying them, in case anyone requests a recount.

In New Hampshire, state law requires clerks to hold onto state and local election ballots for two months. In Maine, clerks must keep all ballots for the full 22 months.

Belmont's clerk is storing five boxes of ballots from the presidential primaries alone. Dover's city clerk is storing nearly 20,000 ballots from the November elections.

Town officials reported different plans for disposing of the ballots. Some will be shredded, others incinerated. Many ballots will go straight to the dump.

### Expanding its territory

**NM** SILVER CITY — Current boundaries of the wolf reintroduction program are causing too many wolves to be captured, removed from the wild or relocated.

That's according to a five-year review of the program by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the New Mexico and Arizona game and fish departments.

Government biologists propose an expansion of the area where the endangered Mexican gray wolves have been allowed to roam.

### Flag this one

**OH** CLEVELAND — Using two people and making 17 folds, a 19-year-old Boy Scout devised a way to fold the state's pennant-shaped flag into a rectangle. The solution became a new state law and earned Alex Weinstock his Eagle Scout ranking. Ohio's state flag is the only one that doesn't have four 90-degree corners.

### Mom made her do it

**FL** MIAMI — A woman has pleaded guilty to sending her 11-year-old daughter outside their home in her nightgown to peddle heroin.

Alison Lolanda Davis, 37, was sentenced to five years in prison in a plea deal. She's been in jail since being arrested last January, unable to make \$120,000 bond, and was given credit for time

served.

A prosecutor said proceedings were pending in juvenile court to terminate Davis' parental rights. The girl, who was not charged, is in state custody with a sister.

Police said they started watching the South Miami house in October 2003 based on a tip. Officers said they saw the girl regularly selling \$10 and \$20 doses of heroin to drivers and pedestrians.

### Nun's remark backfires

**NJ** WOODBRIDGE — Charges were dismissed against Sister Catherine Iacouzze, 69, who had been accused of threatening to knock out the teeth of a St. Cecilia School student for leaving class without permission.

The 11-year-old student's father withdrew the charges after the Diocese of Metuchen fired the nun. Iacouzze's lawyer said she only made a sarcastic remark.

### Bible class vetoed

**MI** FRANKENMUTH — A rural school district will not offer a religious group's bible class as an elective high school course, ending a yearlong debate.

The school board in Frankenmuth, about 75 miles north of Detroit, decided with one dissenting vote to not offer the "Bible As Literature and History" class at Frankenmuth High School, following the recommendation of school Superintendent Michael Murphy.

The proposed class would have been based on materials from the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools.

### Defendant takes break

**MA** EAST BROOKFIELD — While jurors deliberated the fate of a man accused of selling a stolen gun to a pawn shop, the defendant went out for a cup of coffee.

A week later, Peter J. Leo, 32, of Worcester is still in on the run. According to court records, Leo was being tried on charges of larceny, carrying a firearm without a license and receiving stolen property. His lawyer, Christopher Locanto, said Leo was accused of selling a pistol that did not belong to him to a pawn shop in 2002.

After closing arguments, jurors began their deliberations. Leo and his girlfriend also left the courtroom, saying they were going for coffee, a court officer told The Telegram & Gazette of Worcester. The jurors soon returned to deliver their verdict, but Leo was not there to hear he had been found guilty.

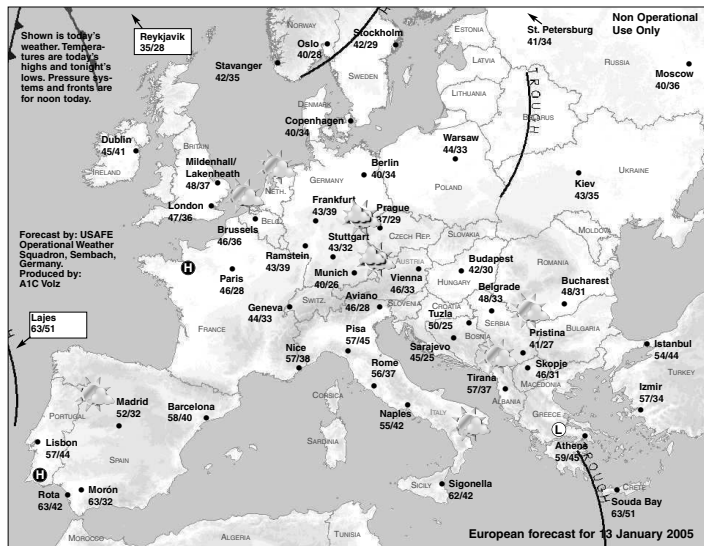
### Student info hacked

**VA** RICHMOND — Computer hackers captured the names, Social Security numbers and other information of more than 30,000 students and staff at George Mason University earlier this month, school officials said.

The university, which is in Fairfax, near Washington, D.C., discovered on Jan. 3 that intruders had hacked into a server containing the protected information, school spokesman Daniel Walsch said. He said the university notified all students and staff.

The school established an info hot line and turned the case over to campus police, he said.

Photos and stories from wire services



KEY: Sunny Partly cloudy Mostly cloudy Cloudy Snow Rain Rainbow Tornadoes

Cold front Warm front Trough Occluded front Slaty front Low High

## AFRICA

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Cape Town	86	70	Mogadishu	88	76
Dakar	76	65	Nairobi	80	66
Freetown	87	63	Rabat	82	61

## THE WORLD

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Amsterdam	45	37	Manila	86	75
Bahrain	66	49	Mexico City	72	44
Beijing	40	15	Montreal	46	23
Beirut	66	53	Riyadh	62	45
Bermuda	72	63	Rio de Jan	86	73
Caracas	86	72	Seoul	32	20
Helsinki	37	22	Sofia	44	32
Hong Kong	59	48	Sydney	89	73
Jakarta	57	44	Tokyo	50	38
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Los Angeles	72	63			
Madras	66	53			
Manila	86	75			
Mexico City	72	44			
Montreal	46	23			
Norfolk	62	45			
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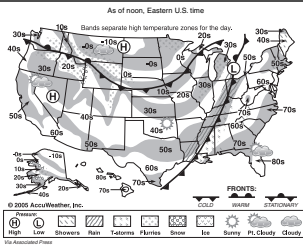
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Cairo	69/50		Islamabad	64/40
Kuwait City	61/40		New Delhi	70/47
Dhahran	60/40		Kandahar	56/34
Dubai	66/40		Zahedan	50/27
Bombay	88/66		Hyderabad	86/57

## TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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## THE UNITED STATES OUTLOOK



## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Friday lows in the mid 30s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Partly cloudy with gusty winds throughout the day. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Friday lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly cloudy with fog. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s. Friday lows in the mid 20s.

**France:** Sunny. Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s. Friday lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

**Northern Germany:** Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. Friday lows in the mid to upper 30s.

**Southern Germany:** Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Friday lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

**Hungary:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers throughout the day. Highs in the lower 40s. Friday lows in the lower 30s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s. Friday lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

**Southern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s. Friday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

**Kosovo:** Partly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the lower 40s. Friday lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

**Norway:** Mostly cloudy with gusty winds and isolated rain showers throughout the day. Highs in the lower 40s. Friday lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s.

**Greece, Spain:** Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers throughout the day. Highs in the lower 50s to lower 60s. Friday lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s.

**Turkey:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s. Friday lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page <http://www.owss Sembach.af.mil> <http://www.public.owss.embach.af.mil>

## SUN &amp; MOON

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Sunset (Frankfurt)	1651	1652

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# Stripes Travel

## The witches of Venice

Each year at Epiphany, they take to canal boats

BY KENT HARRIS  
Stars and Stripes

**W**itches normally aren't considered part of the Christmas season, but they played a central role when Venice, Italy, wrapped up the holiday last week.

On Jan. 6, millions of Italian children celebrate Epiphany — the date marking the visit of the three wise men to the baby Jesus and traditionally the end of Christmas holiday — by finding candy in their stockings.

Those children who haven't been good, in theory, find coal.

The candy and coal are distributed by *la befana*, or "the witch" in Italian. And to mark the occasion in Venice, as they have for the past 20 years, about a dozen local men and women dressed as witches and took over the city's main thoroughfare. They paddled along the Grand Canal, some tossing candy to the hundreds of onlookers — although many tourists in Venice that day had little idea of what was going on.

In fact, just about everyone was unsure of why men dress up as witches. Italians who were asked shrugged and said it was simply tradition. What the tradition was, no one seemed to know.

Following tradition, the participants paddled from San Toma until they reached the giant stocking of the Epiphany that hung from the Rialto Bridge.

In addition to the witches' cruise, a race was held involving teams bedecked in colorful sweat clothes in hues from across the rainbow.

Other places in Italy also have special celebrations on Jan. 6. Many involve witches — or their parental helpers — hanging up stockings the night before and kids waking up to see if they've been good or bad.

Why witches? And just who is *la befana*? Like Santa Claus, her origins are a bit mysterious and probably date to customs before Christianity took firm hold in Europe.

There are several versions of



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how she came to deliver goodies to good children every year. One of them says the wise men stopped at her house while they were trying to find Jesus. They asked her to accompany them, but she declined.

Later, she regretted the decision and tried to find baby Jesus.



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**Left:** Some of the would-be witches at the La Befana festival in Venice even sported mustaches.

**Below:** For a few minutes, onlookers near the Rialto Bridge got to see the Grand Canal crowded with the "witches," who mingled with race participants in a procession.

She gave out candy to all the children she found in case one of them turned out to be him.

Another version has her finding Jesus, giving him gifts and being rewarded with a day each year during which she passes out goodies to all children.

In rural areas, witches were

once reportedly burned to death on the day. Onlookers could tell whether the year would be a good one by which way the smoke blew. The staff at the tourism office assured visitors this year that no one was burned on Epiphany.

But modern ingenuity has

added another layer of confusion. At least one shop in Venice sold candy that looked like lumps of coal, leaving the children who received it with a tough question of whether they had been good or bad.

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# Off the beaten path in Vienna

## City walking paths take hikers to little-known spots

BY SUSANNA LOOF  
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If you should find yourself stuffed with schnitzel or overdone on must-see museums and historic buildings in Vienna, you'll be glad to know the city offers a perfect antidote — an urban hike.

The capital of this hiking-crazed country has an impressive network of easy-to-reach city hiking paths that provide walkers a couple of hours of refreshment combined with sights most tourists otherwise would miss.

Known in German as "Stadt-wanderwege," the paths cover areas ranging from the popular, vineyard-studded Kahlenberg hill in the city's northwest to the Zugberg, a forest-covered mound in the south. Paths also lace the lesser-known parts of the central Prater park famous for its giant Ferris wheel and other amusements.

"They're spread all over Vienna, and they give a nice sample of the diverse flora here, from the Vienna Woods to the wine hills," said Heinz Fink, a city official in charge of the paths.

Most of the hikes go through some green spaces, including the leafy Vienna Woods, some of the city's several vineyards or across lush pastures. But all also pass by eateries where walkers can fill up on hearty food, beer and tortes to get a quick burst of energy and make up for any calories lost.

The city created the paths 25 years ago as a way to get the Viennese to leave their cars at home as they headed out for weekend excursions, Fink said.

They remain popular among locals and visitors alike, with an estimated 100,000 trotting the paths each year, he said.

Even so, the paths offer a dose of solitude and a refreshing break from some of Vienna's most popular tourist sights, such as the Schönbrunn Castle, which attracts almost 1.8 million visitors a year. They also feature their own, little-known sights,



### If you go

For information and maps for various walks in Vienna, visit [www.wien.gv.at/wald/wandern/wege.htm](http://www.wien.gv.at/wald/wandern/wege.htm), [www.wien.gv.at/english/transportation/walking.htm](http://www.wien.gv.at/english/transportation/walking.htm) or [www.wienguide.at/pages/english/english.htm](http://www.wienguide.at/pages/english/english.htm).

Free brochures (in German only) are available at [www.wien.gv.at/pid/bestellen](http://www.wien.gv.at/pid/bestellen). For general information on travel to Vienna and other parts of Austria, visit [www.wieninfo.de](http://www.wieninfo.de) (in German only) or [www.austria.info](http://www.austria.info).

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including ancient churches, castles and a historical observatory.

There are 11 hikes with estimated walking times ranging from two and a half hours to five hours over distances of six to nine miles.

For die-hard walkers, there are also four longer versions: two that circle the city and two that cross it, one from north to south and one from east to west.

"Although they go straight across Vienna, 90 percent of them are located in green areas," Fink said.

He's received requests for brochures with details about the paths from places such as Germany, the United States and Australia, but locals, especially the elderly, make up the paths' core fan base. Some collect stamps in a hiking pass to qualify for special "Stadtwanderwege" pins.

Hanns Liharszik, 74, has meandered the Vienna Woods since he



Hikers study a map of one of the Viennese hiking paths, known in German as "Stadtwanderwege."

was a child and still walks the city hiking paths regularly.

"I think they're a very positive encouragement to get out in

nature," he said.

The hikes highlight natural areas that visitors often are surprised to see in a capital, Liharszik said.

"They give a good overview of Vienna's surroundings, and they also give a good guide to nature," he said, adding that they can be walked by just about anyone who is healthy.

The paths generally are well-marked and numbered, but bringing a detailed city map to supplement those printed in brochures can be helpful. Wooden signs carved with the word "Stadtwanderwege" and the path's number show the way.

Vandals occasionally have twisted the signs, leading hikers the wrong way, Fink said. But "you can't get really lost in Vienna. You always end up somewhere," he said.

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# Bundle up and enjoy the off-season

BY SUSAN SPANO

Los Angeles Times

**R**ecently, I saw a couple on the Pont des Arts, a bridge over the Seine that Paris picnickers and sunbathers favor in July. But it was December, and the two were huddled together, wrapped in long winter coats. She had to take off a glove to turn the pages of a guidebook, exposing her pale hand to the cold. Then the wind snatched his scarf.

I silently wished them *bon courage*, because I know what it's like to be a tourist in the off-season. The prices might be right, but the elements often are against you. Although twice as many Americans travel in Europe in July as in February, according to Department of Commerce statistics, it makes monetary sense to buck the trend with the dollar tanking.

Tama Taylor Holve, owner of Willett Travel in Studio City, Calif., isn't keen on traveling out of season solely to economize.

"If you don't enjoy cold weather, no amount of money saved will make it a great experience," she told me by e-mail. "For budget travelers who would picnic in the park (the off-season means) grabbing a bite in a pub or café."

"Folks who would have walked the city now pay for bus tours or are relegated to the subway, where they don't see much. Because of bad weather, they might spend more time in their hotel, and that small budget room becomes much smaller."

Budget travel guru Rick Steves, author of "Europe Through the Back Door," went to Norway in December and found it "pretty bleak."

"I took pictures in complete darkness in the center of Oslo at 3:30 in the afternoon," he said.

But Steves said he could make a case for Paris being at its best in winter. "People are in their local stride," he said. "Life goes on without the incessant ringing of cash registers."

Europe in winter has unique

advantages, which Holve believes are better reasons for off-season travel than saving money: smaller crowds, undivided attention from servers, concerts, theater, dance, opera. When it's low season for tourists in Europe, it's high season for the performing arts.

In January 2003, subzero temperatures in St. Petersburg, Russia, brought tears to my eyes that froze on my lashes. But I wouldn't exchange that white winter week, hearing Tchaikovsky at the Philharmonia and seeing ballet at the Mariinsky Theatre, for all the balmy beaches of Hawaii.

I've always been seduced when ads start appearing for cut-rate winter package deals that include air fare and accommodations. Every year from 1995 to 1998, I tried a different package offered by one airline or another, gambling that low season prices would offset the discomforts of inclement weather.

Once, when I arrived in Helsinki, Finland, in February, it was wet and unseasonably warm. But then there was a cold snap, coating the sidewalks with ice and making the hotel's sauna the best spot in town. I bundled up but still couldn't bear to sit in the park by wide, flat, frigid Toole Bay.

One afternoon, I sought refuge in a movie theater. At night, downtown was largely deserted, giving it an eerie, evacuated air.

Years later, I went back to Helsinki, this time in spring. My memories of the winter-loved city are needle sharp, but I've forgotten most of what I did there when I could go without a coat and the birch trees were greening.

I used to think that every destination had its own optimum tourist season: April in Paris, for instance. But weather is unpredictable and off-season travel sometimes has serendipitous benefits. In Rome one hot August, I found an air-conditioned trattoria where I stretched out lunch as long as I could. The waiter saw how reluctant I was to go back out into the oven and gave me a free glass of limoncello, an anesthetic agent of kindness I've never forgotten.

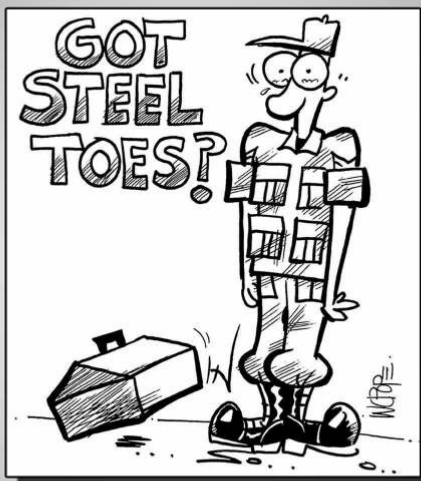
I've also found that outdoor places people avoid in winter are singularly beautiful when you can see your breath and the snow flies.

The key to successful winter sightseeing, Steves said, is dressing warmly.

"It isn't like dashing from the car to the mall," he said. "You want to be able to stay outside for long stretches of time."

That and a little attitude adjustment can make off-season travel rewarding. Instead of fighting the weather, embrace it. Walk through London's Hyde Park in a downpour. Sweat freely in the Mojave Desert in August. (I'm told it cleans out the pores.) Pray for snow in Paris, so you can build a snowman in Luxembourg Garden. The locals will look askance, but that's all right. To travel in any weather, you have to be a little nuts.

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# Have a ball in Prague

You won't spend a lot to twirl on the floor at an elegant venue

BY CATHERINE FRONK-GIORDANO

*Stars and Stripes*

**W**ant to waltz under a gilded ceiling and crystal chandeliers? Sip champagne on a balcony where presidents once addressed the nation? Polka with young maidens in traditional Moravian dress? Or even take home a wild boar as a prize — snout and all?

Skip the high-priced venues in Vienna and come to Prague in the Czech Republic for an unforgettable ball season.

I can't say that I was really dressed for lugging around a wild pig the night I won one at the Hunters' Ball. High heels and a satin floor-length evening gown are not really made for carrying a boar around, even if it is frozen. But when I saw the spark of envy in the hunter's eye, I did not dare to forgo my prize. It was his eighth Hunters' Ball, and he hadn't won a thing.

For me, both ball and boar were firsts.

In the four years that I lived and worked in Prague, my best memories are of attending the many balls there. My first "proper" date, the one where the guy picks you up at your door with flowers in hand, was also my first ball. Four years and many balls later, I married that date.

So if you really want to impress your guy or gal, go to a ball. And unless you

want the high euro rate in Vienna to bore a hole in your wallet, just keep going east.

Nothing spells opulence on the cheap as much as Prague's ball season. Where attending a ball in Vienna can set you back several hundred dollars a person, a night of polkas and waltzes in Prague will cost you as little as \$40. And that includes two bottles of Czech bubbly!

The Hunters' Ball, held annually at the neo-renaissance National House in the Vinohrady neighborhood, is one of the best of the season. The event is organized by the local hunting society, just as in the old days when guilds and trade unions organized annual balls for their members.

Every year, hunters shoot game for the ball's much-anticipated raffle. To entice ball-goers to buy tickets, they set up a display in one of the smaller ball-



Tickets like these are passports to a night of elegance mixed with frozen game at the Hunters' Ball in the capital of the Czech Republic.

rooms: frozen deer, boars, rabbits and pheasants stand in their full glory — with antlers, snouts, feathers and all. If you yearn for one, beware: Raffle tickets go really fast. The second year I attended, I arrived half an hour late and found that the raffle was sold out.

If you cry every time you see the movie "Bambi," you might want to skip this ball in favor of the Moravian Ball.

Moravia is known as the wine region

of the Czech Republic and the Moravians are considered the more fun-loving and easy-going part of the population.

And it shows.

Moravian maidens blaze along the stage of the main ballroom in their rich, embroidered folk costumes as the men perform hair-raising dance tricks with scythes in a fast and marvelously coordinated harvest dance.

**SEE BALLS, PAGE 26**



Photo courtesy of the National House of Vinohrady

Many balls in Prague feature several different bands in one evening, and often one will be a full-size big band like this one at the National House of Vinohrady.

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## BALLS, FROM PAGE 24

The Moravian Ball, an annual tribute to the Greek god Bacchus that is held at the National House of Smichov, is also one of the best balls to attend if you, like me, are no Fred or Ginger. The many performances offer plenty to look at. If your date insists on a twirl on the floor, choose the polka. Played many, many times at the Moravian Ball (and all the other balls), it is a dance that can be managed even by those with two left feet. Just skip sideways a few times and then back again.

Still not convinced you can do it? Just get a bottle of the always-abundant

Moravian wine and in no time you'll be dancing the polka like a pro. Just don't try to imitate any slick dance moves with the harvesting tools.

If you really want to impress your date, go to the Municipal House's Representational Ball. Although you could take a tour of the building during the day, the best way to see it is by going to the ball.

Built at the turn of the 20th century, the building is an ode to the Czech art-nouveau movement, which peaked a little later here than in the rest of the world. Since the ball is meant to represent the beauty of the Municipal House, the main rooms are open and many are used the same way they

were in the early 1900s.

Waltz beneath the painted allegories of music, dance, poetry and drama in the Smetana Hall, the main ballroom. Then, seat yourself at one of the marble tables with gilded footrests in the Confectionary Room. With its rich stucco decorations and mirrored walls, it is the perfect environment to enjoy one of the sweets on offer.

Or, sip champagne in the Mayor's Room, beneath the frescos painted by the famous art-deco artist Alphonse Mucha, who also designed the space. Then, catch a breath of fresh air on the balcony where the first president of the

Czechoslovak Republic addressed his new, independent country. Once, several friends and I managed to sneak out onto the famous balcony for a toast, even though it is officially off-limits.

So, dust off your dancing shoes and find that evening gown in the back of your closet. Because Prague's ball season is under way and about to hit its peak in February.

Oh, and just in case you are wondering how I managed to get that boar from the Hunters' Ball home ... it involved a cab, the police and a bus ride. But that is an entirely different story.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF JAN ZAVREL: THE MUNICIPAL HOUSE, PRAGUE AND THE NATIONAL HOUSE OF VINOHRAKY



Dancers glide under 19th-century gilded chandeliers in the main ballroom at the National House of Vinohrady in Prague.



## If you want to waltz in

### Getting there

You can reach Prague by plane, train or automobile.

• **Plane:** There are daily direct flights from all the major European airports. You will fly into Ruzyn airport, about 6 miles (or 10 kilometers) from the city center. To get to the city, you can take public transportation (Bus 119). Buy a ticket before you board at one of the ticket vending machines for 12 Czech crowns (about 54 cents). There are also special shuttle buses and airport taxis.

• **Train:** There are two train stations in Prague: Hlavní Nadrazi (Main Railway Station) and Masarykovo Nadrazi (Masaryk's Railway Station). Most trains originating from other European countries go to the Main Railway Station. As at any train station, be on the lookout for pickpockets and resist any accommodation offered by strangers.

For train schedules, go to the Web at: [www.jizdnirady.cz](http://www.jizdnirady.cz).

• **Automobile:** Although Prague is very accessible by car, the weather at the height of ball season can be rather treacherous, especially on the German-Czech border. Heavy snow and icy conditions are not uncommon. If you do decide to travel by car, be sure to check the forecast for your route.

### Where to stay

Prague is filled with accommodation choices, from small, cozy hotels to the big chains, such as Marriott and Holiday Inn. When you book, be sure to check out the hotel's Web site and/or ask about special rates. Since it's off-season, many hotels offer good deals. Here are some places to start:

• Prague Information Service:

[www.pls.cz](http://www.pls.cz).

• Czech Tourism Board:

[www.czechtourism.com](http://www.czechtourism.com).

### Getting around

Prague has an excellent public transportation system. You can get anywhere either by trams or metro, and there are even night trams that run into the wee hours of the morning.

A good Web site for information about the public transportation system is: [www.myzcehproub.com/prague/](http://www.myzcehproub.com/prague/)

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No Hunters' Ball would be complete without a Czech folk band at the National House of Vinohrady.



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## Dining

You don't have to go waltzing with your stomach heavy with goulash and dumplings. Prague's dining scene has exploded in the last five years, and you can get anything from Thai to Cuban, from fusion to French. Both English-language publications The Prague Tribune (monthly) and The Prague Post (weekly) offer reviews of restaurants. Both are available at most newsstands. Their Web sites:

- [www.prague-tribune.cz](http://www.prague-tribune.cz)
- [www.praguepost.com](http://www.praguepost.com).

## Dress code

None of the balls listed here is a white tie and tails event. For women, a full-length gown is preferred, but a cocktail dress is acceptable. For men, a tuxedo is the stylish way to go, but a dark suit is what most men wear.

## Sneak peek

Want a little preview of the venues? Two mentioned in the article on Page 24 have Web sites with beautiful photographs of the facilities, inside and out:

- Municipal House (Obecní Dum), Web site [www.obecní-dum.cz](http://www.obecní-dum.cz).
- The National House of Vinohrady (Národní Dum na Vinohradech), Web site [www.nardum.cz](http://www.nardum.cz). Although there is an English page, only the Czech page has a virtual tour of the building. Click on the blue-colored link in the right hand corner to access it.

— CATHARINE FRONK-GIORDANO



Above: Czech tradition dictates that every ball is opened with a performance of professional dancers, like these at the National House of Vinohrady.

At left: Ball-goers at the National House of Vinohrady climb its red-carpeted stairway.

## Upcoming balls in Prague

### Event: Hunters' Ball

When: 8 p.m. Feb. 11

Location: National House of Vinohrady (Národní Dum na Vinohradech);

Našešmi 9, Prague 2

Tickets: 250-340 Czech crowns (about \$11-\$16)

### Event: Moravian Ball

When: 8 p.m. Feb. 19

Location: National House of Smichov (Národní Dum na Smichove);

Našešmi 14, Řijna, Prague 5

Tickets: 200-400 Czech crowns (\$9-\$18)

### Event: Representational Ball of the Municipal House

When: 8 p.m. March 5

Location: The Municipal House (Obecní Dum); Našešmi Republiky 5, Prague 1

Tickets: Prices to be determined; tickets go on sale a month prior to the event.

### Event: Representational Ball of the National House of Vinohrady

When: 8 p.m. March 18

Location: National House of Vinohrady (Národní Dum na Vinohradech);

Našešmi 9, Prague 2

Tickets: 250-340 Czech crowns (\$11-\$16).

To reserve tickets, call:

• National House of Vinohrady (Národní Dum na Vinohradech),

phone: (+420) 221 596 232; ask for Ms. Benesova. E-mail: [pokladna@nardum.cz](mailto:pokladna@nardum.cz);

• National House of Smichov (Národní Dum na Smichove); phone: (+420) 257 099 999;

• Municipal House (Obecní Dum), phone: (+420) 222 002 101; E-mail: [info@obecní-dum.cz](mailto:info@obecní-dum.cz).

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The art-nouveau facade of the Municipal House in Prague with its many statues and frescoes makes for a magnificent ball entrance.



nd like this one at the National

# Ski Clubs & Events

## COMPILED BY KAREN BRADBURY Stars and Stripes

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## Clubs

### ITALY

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185 (Gloria Leonarduzzi,  
Vice President)  
**Trips:** Jan. 28-30,  
Sella Ronda and Amb-  
bato, \$150; Lake Led,  
Slovenia, \$190; **March**  
**11-13**, Molltaler Glac-  
ier, Austria, \$120.

### GERMANY

#### FRANKFURT INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB

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**E-mail:** [info@fiscweb.org](mailto:info@fiscweb.org)  
**Web site:** [www.fiscweb.org](http://www.fiscweb.org)  
**Trips:** Jan. 21-23, Davos, Switzerland, 295 euros; **Jan. 28-30**, Andermatt, Switzerland, **Jan. 29**, Schwarzwald, Germany, 400 euros; **Feb. 4-6**, Champoluc, Italy, 425 euros; **Feb. 4-6**, Adelboden, Switzerland, 355 euros; **Feb. 11-13**, Val Ferpuz, Switzerland, 245 euros; **Feb. 12-19**, St. Val, Austria, 390 euros; **Feb. 18-20**, Verbier, Switzerland, 195 euros; **Feb. 18-21**, Crans-Montana, Switzerland, 265 euros; **Feb. 25-27**, Zell am See, Austria, 200 euros; **Feb. 26-March 5**, Banff, Canada, 780 euros; **March 4-6**, Disentis/Sedrun, Switzerland, 185 euros; **March 10-13**, Chamonix, France, 295 euros; **March 11-13**, Laax/Films/Falera, Switzerland, 295 euros; **March 18-20**, Klosters, Switzerland, 255 euros; **March 24-28**, St. Moritz, Switzerland, 340 euros; **March 26-April 2**, Val Thorey, France, 480 euros; **April 1-3**, St. Anton II, Austria, 205 euros; **April 10-12**, Lech, Austria, 205 euros; **April 14-17**, Zermatt, Switzerland, 295 euros; **April 26-May 1**, Ischgl, Austria, 270 euros; **June 16-19**, Chiemsee Adventure, Germany, 285 euros; **July 1-4**, Sächsische Schweiz, Germany, 265 euros. These are first sign-up prices; others then increase by 10 euros. Airfare not included in price of Banff trip.

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476-1550, or civilian  
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**Trips:** **Feb. 17-25**, Dolomiti, Italy, price TBA; **March 18-20**, Zell am See, Austria, price TBA.



### HEIDELBERG

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**Web site:** [www.heidelbergski.com](http://www.heidelbergski.com)  
**Trips:** Jan. 28-30, Wengen, Switzerland, 225 euros; **Feb. 4-6**, Verbier I, 160 euros; **Feb. 11-13**, Crans Montana, Switzerland, 290 euros; **Feb. 18-21**, Bad Hofgastein, Austria, 190 euros; **March 18-20**, Davos/Klosters, Switzerland, 245 euros; **March 19-26**, Tignes, France, 765 euros; **April 1-3**, Engelberg, Switzerland, 285 euros; **April 8-10**, Arlberg, 210 euros; **April 9-16**, Val Thorens (200-340 euros); **April 25-May 1**, Ischgl (220 euros); **May 27-30**, Badense (290 euros).  
**KOSENLAUTERN SKI CLUB**  
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**Web site:** [http://www.geocities.com/\\_townskiclub/](http://www.geocities.com/_townskiclub/)

**Trips:** Jan. 28-30, Wilde Kaiser, Austria, 145 euros; **Feb. 11-13**, Serfaus, Austria, 185 euros; **Feb. 17-21**, Chamonix, France, 430 euros; **Feb. 26-March 5**, Trois Vallées, France, 480 euros; **March 18-20**, Lenzerheide, Switzerland, 210 euros; **April 1-3**, Verbier, Switzerland, 150 euros; **April 22-24**, Lech, Austria, 215 euros. A non-refundable 50-euro deposit is required for all trip sign-ups.

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**Trips:** Jan. 28, Birken in Thale, Austria; Jan. 26, Lermoos, Austria; **Feb. 5-6**, Kronplatz, Italy (cross country); Oberammergau, Germany; **Feb. 12**, Ratschings, Austria; **Feb. 25-27**, (TBD); **March 6**, Seefeld, Austria; **March 12**, Ischgl, Austria; **March 19-22**, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy; **April 2**, Zugspitze, Germany.

#### MANNHEIM INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB

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**Web site:** <http://iski.no.to.info>  
**Trips:** Jan. 21-23, Grindelwald, Switzerland, 125 euros; **Jan. 22-29**, Kitzbühel, Austria, 330 euros, half-pension; **Jan. 28-30**, Lech/Zürs/St. Anton, Switzerland, 130 euros; **Feb. 4-6**, Portes de l'Ancêtre, 145 euros; **Feb. 18-21**, St. Anton, Austria, 180 euros, bed and breakfast; **Feb. 25-27**, Portes du Soleil, 145 euros; **March 4-6**, Lech/Zürs/St. Anton, Austria, 130 euros; **March 11-13**, Montafon, Austria, 130 euros; **March 18-20**,

Verbier, Switzerland, 140 euros; **April 9-16**, Meribel, France, price TBA, slope-side apartments. Prices based on double occupancy, supplement for singles.

#### PATCH SKI CLUB

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**Web site:** [www.patchskiclub.org](http://www.patchskiclub.org)

**Trips:** Jan. 28-30, Zell am See, Austria, 205 euros; **Feb. 4-6**, Engelberg, Switzerland, 190 euros; **Feb. 18-21**, Jungfrau, Switzerland, 230 euros; **March 4-6**, Gstaad, Switzerland, 200 euros; **March 17-20**, Chamonix, France, 390 euros; **April 7-10**, St. Moritz, Switzerland, **April 7-10**, April 9-16, Val Thorens, France, 320 euros; **April 25-May 1**, Ischgl, Austria, 220 euros; **May 27-30**, Lermoos, Austria, 200 euros; **May 27-30**, Siegi Golf I-St. Veit, Austria, 260 euros. Costs based on double occupancy.

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**Telephone:** 06301-3478  
**Web address:** [www.tannenbaumski.club](http://www.tannenbaumski.club)

**Trips:** Jan. 30-Feb. 5, Siegi Ski Week II, St. Veit-Alpendorf, Austria, 350 euros; **Feb. 4-6**, Gstaad, Switzerland, 195 euros; **Feb. 18-21**, Verbier-Valleys, Switzerland, 210 euros; **Feb. 18-21**, Portes du Soleil, France, 245 euros; **Feb. 18-21**, St. Anton, Austria, 235 euros; **March 4-6**, Jungfrau, Switzerland, 160 euros; **March 11-13**, Laax-Films, 185 euros; **April 1-3**, Engelberg, Switzerland, 200 euros; **April 8-10**, St. Anton, Austria, 165 euros; **April 25-May 1**, Ischgl, Austria, 205 euros. Prices based on double occupancy. All trips are by bus except the Siegi trips, which are skidrives. U-drive arrangements can be made for other trips.

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**Trips:** **Feb. 18-21**, Jungfrau, Switzerland, 230 euros; **March 6-12**, St. Veit, Austria, 390 euros, including ski school; **March 11-13**, Zell am See, Austria, 220 euros; **April 8-10**, Lech, Austria, 220 euros; **April 25-May 1**, Ischgl, Austria, 215 euros.

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**Trips:** **Feb. 18-21**, Verbier, Switzerland, 220 euros; **March 4-6**, Jungfrau, Switzerland, 190 euros; **April 9-16**, Trois Vallées, France, 200-315 euros; **April 29-May 1**,

Ischgl, Austria, 230 euros; **May 13-15**, Landeck, Austria, price TBA; **May 28-31**, St. Veit, Austria, price TBA.

## Outdoor Recreation

### ITALY

**VICENZA OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 29, Feb. 19, March 5 and 26, Obereggen, Italy; Jan. 12, Feb. 5, March 12 and April 2, San Martino, Italy; Jan. 17, Feb. 15, March 19, Alleghe, Italy. Sign up the Sunday before. DSN 634-7453.

### GERMANY

**BAUMHOLDER OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 21-23, Feb. 25-27, March 11-13, Oberstdorf, Switzerland, \$125 transport and equipment rental, hotel lodging \$25 a night, lift passes, two days for 72 nights, non-skiers weekend, Gastein, Austria, \$315; Jan. 29-30, Garmisch, Germany, \$195; **Feb. 5 and 19** Black Forest (Feldberg), \$65 adults, \$45 children; **Feb. 10-14** Austria ski weekend, Gastein, \$415 per person, DSN 485-7182.

**GIessen OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Feb. 5, Winterberg, Germany, \$59; Feb. 12-13 Black Forest (Feldberg), Germany, with one overnight, \$119 adults, \$69 children; Jan. 29-30, Feb. 5, Winterberg, Germany, \$59. Hotel rates quoted are based on double room occupancy. DSN 433-8202.

**HANAU OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 22-23, Feb. 24-25 and 28-29, Black Forest, Germany, overnight with two ski days, \$109 adults, \$69 children; Jan. 28-29, Kaprun, Austria, overnight with two ski days, \$149 adults, \$99 children; **Feb. 6-8**, Hinterux, Austria, overnight with two ski days, price TBA. DSN 322-6015 or CIV 06183-516015.

**KAISERSLAUTERN OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 15, express to Engelberg, Switzerland, \$55; Jan. 16, express to Oberstdorf, Germany, \$45; Jan. 21-23, Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland, \$149; Jan. 21-23, Jan. 22, express to Garmisch, Germany, \$45 adults, \$35 children; Jan. 26, express to Oberstdorf, Germany, \$45 adults, \$35 children; Jan. 28-30, weekend to St. Moritz, Switzerland, \$185; Jan. 29, express to Jungfrau, Switzerland, \$55 adults, \$45 children; **Feb. 4-6**, weekend to Garmisch, Germany, \$179; **Feb. 5**, express to St. Anton, Austria, \$55 adults, \$45 children; **Feb. 9**, express to Feldberg, Germany, \$45 adults, \$35 children; **Feb. 11-13**, Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland, \$179; **Feb. 12**, express to Engelberg, Switzerland, \$55 adults, \$45 children; **Feb. 18-21**, weekend in Lauterbrunnen,

Switzerland, \$195; **Feb. 19**, express to Jungfrau, Switzerland, \$55 adults, \$45 children. Kaiserslautern ODR also offers ski and snowboard repair. DSN 469-771 or civilian 0631-536775.

**KATTERBACH OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 29, Feb. 12, day in Garmisch, Germany, DSN 467-3225 or CIV 09802-83-3225.

**MANNHEIM OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 15 and 29, Feb. 19 and 26, March 12 and 19, April 2 and 10, Engelberg, Switzerland, \$50 plus lift; Jan. 17, Feb. 11 and 12, Feb. 17 and 18, March 5 and 19, Feldberg, Germany, \$35 plus lift.

**Feb. 12**, Siegi Ski Week 2 for 1 special to Feldberg, \$35 plus lift; **Feb. 19**, family trip to Feldberg and \$25 plus lift; **March 19**, teen trip to Feldberg (\$25 plus lift). MOR's ski swap is from Feb. 1 to April 1; bring in equipment you no longer use or just come in and swap. MOR also rents snowboards and performs ski maintenance. DSN 381-7215 or 381-7232, civilian 0621-730-7175 or 0621-730-7232; or fax 0621-721653. Volunteer instructors are needed; please call DSN 381-7200.

**RAMSTEIN OUTDOOR RECREATION (KWIC):** Feldberg, Germany, Jan. 22, Feb. 5 and 12, Feldberg, Germany, \$60 including lift. DSN 480-5705 or CIV 06371-47-5705.

**SPANGDAHEM OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Feb. 18-20 and March 11-13, Gstaad, Switzerland, \$265 dorms, \$344 double dorms, per cent discount for children under 12; Jan. 21-23, Feb. 11-13, March 11-13, Black Forest, Germany, \$275 doubles. Reservations are required one week in advance; children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. DSN 452-7170 or CIV 06565-61-7176.

**STUTTGART OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 23-30, Shonried, Switzerland, \$590 adults, \$295 children under 17; **Feb. 3**, Feldberg, Germany, \$30 with equipment rental, \$15 without; **Feb. 5, March 12 and 18** and April 2, St. Gallenkirch, Austria, \$30 with equipment rental, \$15 without; **Feb. 18-21**, St. Gallenkirch, Austria, price TBA; **April 10-17**, St. Gallenkirch, Austria, \$590 adults, \$295 children. DSN 431-2774.

**WIESBADEN OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 15 and 29, Feldberg, Germany, \$45; Jan. 22, Engelberg, Switzerland, \$55; Jan. 22-23, Feldberg, Switzerland, \$265 dorms, \$344 double dorms, per cent discount for children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. DSN 452-7170 or CIV 06565-61-7176.

**WIESBADEN OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 15 and 29, Feldberg, Germany, \$45; Jan. 22, Engelberg, Switzerland, \$55; Jan. 22-23, Feldberg, Switzerland, \$265 dorms, \$344 double dorms, per cent discount for children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. DSN 452-7170 or CIV 06565-61-7176.

**Feb. 16**, snowboard maintenance clinic, Feldberg, Germany, \$175. DSN 337-5760 (Anderson Barracks) or DSN 334-5818 (Dexheim).



### Alpine snow conditions as of January 10, 2005

Resort	Snow Depth	Piste Info	Off	Run	Lifts
Kaunertal, AUS	9020	Good	Varied	Open	8/8
Neustift, AUS	12020	Good	Spring	Closed	21/24
Pitztal, AUS	14540	Good	Varied	Closed	7/7
Zell Am See, AUS	7010	Good	Varied	Hard	28/28
Chamonix, FR	12020	Hard	Packed	Packed	45/47
Les Deux Alpes, FR	10020	Soft	Varied	Soft	47/59
Val d'Isère, FR	8540	Good	Packed	Packed	76/97
Garmisch, GER	12025	Good	Varied	Open	23/47
Feldberg, GER	5040	Good	Packed	Packed	14/28
Corvina, IT	10050	Good	Packed	Packed	40/49
Livigno, IT	9508	Good	Varied	Good	30/39
Passo Tonale, IT	22090	Good	Packed	Packed	18/18
Engelberg, SW	11505	Good	Packed	Hard	24/25
Saas Fee, SW	20146	Excellent	Packed	Good	22/22
Zermatt, SW	17038	Excellent	Varied	Hard	30/30

**General Information**  
 \*All measurements are in centimeters  
 Very good piste cond., best at top  
 Spring conditions on piste  
 Best cond. found at altitude  
 Poor cover on lower slopes  
 Good skiing on well groomed pistes  
 Spring conditions on piste  
 Good skiing on well groomed pistes  
 Good piste cond. on upper slopes  
 Snow is hard packed with some hazards  
 Good skiing on packed, well-ski'd snow  
 Very good piste cond., best at top  
 Good skiing on packed, well-ski'd snow  
 Best snow found above mid-station  
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 Jan. 14 - 17 Ski Weekend St. Anton, Austria  
 Jan. 15 Ski Express, Engelberg, Switzerland  
 Jan. 16 Ski Express, Feldberg, Germany  
 Jan. 21-23 Ski Weekend, Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland  
 Jan. 25 Ski Express, Garmisch, Germany

**Mannheim** Taylor Bernack, 381-7515/0621-730-7215  
 Jan. 17 Skiing & Snowboarding Feldberg, Germany

**Darmstadt** Conderi Fritzsch Kaserma, 345-4277/06151-49-4277  
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**Heidelberg** Henrik Henry Vilgus, 388-0192/0621-336-0192  
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# Volksmarch

If you're in the area for the Schwegelpausen, Germany, volksmarch, head toward Bingen and catch the beautiful view of the Rhine from the small pull-off spot above the city. This is a great opportunity to photograph the Niederwalddenkmal, the massive monument commemorating German unification after the 1871 victory over the French. It towers above the river and the popular Ruedesheim tourist city.

## Jennifer West



To visit the Niederwalddenkmal or take the inexpensive ferry that Bingen across the river and you'll end up right smack in Ruedesheim. From there, follow the signs through the town and up to the monument.

Parking is only a few euros and a few hundred meters away from the Niederwalddenkmal. This is always one of my favorite places—it has an awesome view, especially on a sunny day.

Now, if Ulm is chosen to home, walk in Ulm-Unterwieslupfen and visit Ulm's Münster cathedral. Only slightly damaged during World War II, the Gothic cathedral was finished in 1890 after 513 years of construction and boasts the highest church tower in the world (530 feet). It is a magnificent sight, especially at night. Climb the 768 steps to the top for a nominal fee and take in the view of the Black Forest. I've been told that on a clear day you can even see all the way to the Swiss Alps.

Regardless of the part of the world in which you live, combine sightseeing with your volksmarching trips... you'll see more of the world in a day than many see in a lifetime!

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Miscellaneous notes about this week's volksmarch events:

- Hosting its first Jugend-Wandertag (youth walking day), the Wanderverfuehrung Dietkirchen 1911 e.V., Germany, is awarding a porcelain doll (with stand) for completing the 5-, 10- or 20-kilometer trails on Saturday and Sunday. The finish time for all trails each day is 5 p.m.

- The Trio Kraus will play for the crowd at Unterpleichfeld, Germany, on Sunday at 9 a.m., plan accordingly if you want to walk that day as well as listen to the music. The Blaskapelle des MV Riederich will be in the Riederich, Germany, start hall on Sunday (there was no start time provided in the brochure).

- The office set souvenir at Ruit, Germany, consists of a calculator, a pair of scissors and a letter opener.

- A few notes from Clark Soeldner, our Italian walking correspondent:

This is the second edition of "La Panoramica," a panoramic walk in Muris di Ragogna. The 3K is especially for children. The flyer notes the course is mostly on trails and forested roads as it traverses Monte di Muris. The 10K and 17K have a 300-meter *dislivello*, making them effectively 13K and 20K.

- If there's enough snow in Strass im Zillertal, Austria, cross-country skiers will be able to choose between 10- and 20-kilometer trails, while walkers can trek along a 10-kilometer course. The start window is 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the last finish time is 5 p.m. If you want the B-medal souvenir, it will cost you 2 euros, whereas if you don't want a prize, you'll pay 1.50 euros.

E-mail your comments and Volksmarch information to Jennifer West at [volksmarch@earthlink.net](mailto:volksmarch@earthlink.net). Write her at: Volksmarch Column, Stars and Stripes, Bldg. 2899, Pulaski Barracks, APO AE 09227-3717 (MPS).

Here are events sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (Internationaler Volkssportverband, or IVV) near U.S. military installations in Europe. Locations are noted in the host language when possible. Find more extensive lists on the Web at [www.ivv.org](http://www.ivv.org).

Country/Town	Days(s) and Time(s)	Code	Km.	Starting Point	Award	Directional Reference
<b>Austria</b>						
Strass im Zillertal	Sun 0700-1300	F	5 & 10	Festsaal	Clown	NE of Innsbruck
Strass im Zillertal	Sun 0700-1300	Ski	10 & 20	Festsaal	Clown	NE of Innsbruck
<b>France</b>						
Binderheim	Sat & Sun 0800-1400	F	10 & 20	Salle polyvalente	No award	SW of Lahr, GE
<b>Germany</b>						
Dietkirchen	Sat 0730-1400, Sun 0730-1300	BFX	5 & 10	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	Doll	HE, N of Limburg
Dietkirchen	Sat 0730-1300, Sun 0730-1200	BFX2	5 & 10	Aula Realschule	Doll	HE, N of Limburg
Eppelborn	Sat 0730-1300, Sun 0730-1200	BFX2.5	5 & 10	Aula Realschule	B-medal	SAR, NW of Neunkirchen
Haspelmoor	Sat & Sun 0700-1200	F	5, 10, 20	Tumhalle	Kids & sleigh figurine	MOB, SE of Augsburg
Hemhofen	Sat & Sun 0700-1200	BFNY3.6	6 & 12	TSV Sportheim	Umbrella	FRM, N of Erlangen
Lauterbach/Hessen	Sun 0800-1400	BFX	5 & 10	Vogelsbergkirche	HE, NW of Fulda	B-medal
Mindelstetten	Sat 1100-1600, Sun 0700-1200	BF	5 & 10	Markthalle	B-medal	MOB, NE of Ingolstadt
Riederich	Sun 0730-1400	BFPFS	5 & 10	Gutenberghalle	Gnome	BWS, SE of Stuttgart
Ruit	Sat & Sun 0800-1400	BFX	6 & 12	Festhalle	Office set	BWN, N of Pforzheim
Ruit	Sat & Sun 0700-1100	F	5 & 10	Volksschule	Stuffed dog	BWS, SE of Stuttgart
Schwarzhofen	Sat & Sun 0800-1400	BFX	6 & 12	Festhalle	Office set	BWS, SE of Stuttgart
Ruit	Sat & Sun 0800-1400	BFX	6 & 12	Festhalle	Office set	OPF, NE of Schwandorf
Schwegelpausen	Sat & Sun 0800-1300	F	5, 10, 15	Schloßgastenhalle	No award	RW, NW of Bad Kreuznach
Ulm-Unterwieslupfen	Sat 1200-1400, Sun 0700-1300	F	6 & 11	Festhalle	Candle holders	BWS, S of Ulm
Unterpleichfeld	Sat & Sun 0700-1400	BFPX2.56	11	Mehrzweckhalle	B-medal	FRU, N of Würzburg
Unterpleichfeld	Sat & Sun 0700-1200	BFPX2.520	20	Mehrzweckhalle	B-medal	FRU, N of Würzburg
<b>Italy</b>						
Muris di Ragogna	Sun 0900-1000	F	3, 10, 17	Central Sociale	No award	NW of San Daniele del Friuli
Pontemancio	Sun 0830-0930	F	7, 13, 19	Follow signs	No award	S of Padova
San Bonifacio	Sun 0830-0930	F	7, 11, 21	Centro	Wine & pasta pack	S of Soave
<b>Netherlands</b>						
Gulpen	Sun 0800-1400	-	5 & 10	Ontmoetingscentrum	No award	SE of Maastricht
Gulpen	Sun 0800-1300	-	15	Ontmoetingscentrum	No award	SE of Maastricht
Gulpen	Sun 0800-1200	-	25	Ontmoetingscentrum	No award	SE of Maastricht
<b>Switzerland</b>						
Arbon	Sat & Sun 0800-1300	-	5 & 10	Gewerbeschulhaus	Cow glass	N of St. Gallen
<b>United Kingdom</b>						
Cawthorne	Sun 0930	-	5 & 15	The Spencer Arms	No award	NW of Barnsley
Llanwrtyd Wells	Sat 0900-1000	F	15 & 25	Neuadd Arms Hotel	Souvenir	SW of Builth-Wells
Llanwrtyd Wells	Sat 0900-1000	M	40	Neuadd Arms Hotel	Souvenir	SW of Builth-Wells
Silkestone Common	Sun 1030	-	5 & 10	Station Inn	Souvenir	SW of Barnsley

## GENERAL CODES

- B - Awards from past events available (B-medals)
- C - Bring a cup for free refreshments at the control points
- D - Wash facilities at start hall
- F - Free refreshment at control points
- M - Marathon or long-distance event
- N - Nordic walking event
- P - Music at start hall
- S - Stroller-friendly trails
- S - Shorter trail noted as stroll-

- er-friendly
- T - Evening/Night walk, carry a flashlight
- X - Award available while supply lasts
- W - Course suitable for wheelchairs
- Y - Young-Walkers-Tour or Bambini-Liga event
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- 3 - Reduced price of 3 euros for start card & B-medal

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- NDS - Niedersachsen/Berlin
- NRW - Nordrhein-Westfalen
- RH - Rheinland-Pfalz
- HE - Hessen
- SAR - Saarland
- BWN - Baden-Württemberg
- Nord
- BWS - Baden-Württemberg
- Süd
- MGB - München-Oberbayern

- THS - Thüringen/Sachsen
- FRO - Oberfranken (Upper Franconia)
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- SCH - Schwaben
- OPF - Oberpfalz
- NDB - Niederbayern
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- Canada — [www.cbvctf.to.ns.ca/creation/cvbf](http://www.cbvctf.to.ns.ca/creation/cvbf)
- Germany — <http://www.org/clubs/germany>, [www.dvv-wandern.de](http://www.dvv-wandern.de) and [www.freyellow.com/members/7thw/index](http://www.freyellow.com/members/7thw/index)
- Italy — <http://digilander.iol.it/stevens/walking.html>
- Netherlands — [www.beam.to.ns.ca/afnorthwalks](http://www.beam.to.ns.ca/afnorthwalks)
- United Kingdom — [www.bwfriv.org.uk](http://www.bwfriv.org.uk)
- United States — [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)

U.S. volksmarching information is also available from the American Volkssport Association, 1007 Park Booker Road, Suite 101, Universal City, Texas 78148



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## GERMANY

**Baumholder Outdoor Recreation, Jan. 15.** Paris one-day express, \$85 adult, children to age 15 half price; **Feb. 12.** Amsterdam one-day express, \$85 adults, children half price. DSN 485-7182 go to [www.amysgermany.com](http://www.amysgermany.com).

**Kaiserslautern Outdoor Recreation, Jan. 16.** ice skating, \$20; **Jan. 21-23.** Paris city visit, \$169; **Jan. 30.** spa day, \$35 adult, \$30 child. DSN 489-7751 or CIV 0631-536-7751

**Katterbach Outdoor Recreation: "One-Day Wander" trips: Jan. 27.** ice skating in Nürnberg; **Feb. 3.** Nürnberg Natural History Museum. For prices, call DSN 467-3225 or CIV 09802-93-3225.

**Ramstein (KMC) RTT Destinations Unlimited: Jan. 15 and 30, Feb. 6, 12, 20 and 27.** Rhine Castles, cruise, and wine tasting, \$89; **Jan. 14-16 and Feb. 18-20.** Prague and Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic, \$189; **Jan. 22 and Feb. 26.** tour of Cochem Castle and knight's dinner, \$89; **Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 19-20.** Brussels and Brugge, \$169; **Jan. 22.** King Ludwig's castles, \$99; **Feb. 7.** Carnival in Mainz, \$39; **Feb. 12.** King Ludwig's castles, \$99; **Feb. 19.** Flight tours from Frankfurt.

**March 13-20.** Moscow and St. Petersburg, 1049 euros; **April 8-15.** Egypt, 1139 euros; **April 9-16.** Beijing and Xi'an, China, 1329 euros.

For bus and flight tours, contact DSN 480-6330/489-7064/496-7719, or go to [www.RTTtravel.com](http://www.RTTtravel.com).

**Spangdahlem Outdoor Recreation: Jan. 18-March 31.** hunting course, \$125 (guns included; ammunition not included); **Jan. 29.** hunting and fishing expo trip, \$30 per person, min. age 12 with guardian. Call DSN 452-7170 or COM 06565-61-7170.

**Spangdahlem Information, Tickets and Travel: Jan. 15.** Switzerland Express/Luxemburg, \$84 adult, \$78 child; **Jan. 15.** Cologne City and Chocolate Museum, \$44 adult, \$39 child; **Jan. 22.** Cochem Castle and medieval dinner, \$79; **Jan. 28-29.** Carnival Express, \$125; **Jan. 28-29.** London Express, \$115 adult, \$105 child; **Jan. 29.** Nürnberg and Dachau Concentration Camp, \$79 adult, \$69 child. Call DSN 452-6567 or CIV 06565-61-6567.

**Wiesbaden Outdoor Recreation: Jan. 25 and Feb. 1.** rock climbing at Nieder Olm, \$20; **Feb. 14.** ice skating in Frankfurt. DSN 33-7780.

**USO Kaiserslautern: Jan. 14-16.** Prague and Karlovy Vary, includes overnight and city tours, \$189 per adult double occupancy, \$199 child, \$45 single supplement; **Jan. 15.** Bavarian fairy tale castles, includes Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein, \$99 adult, \$95 child; **Jan. 15.** Brussels by night,

\$59; **Jan. 21-23.** shopping in Boleslawic, Poland, with overnight, \$139; **Jan. 22.** Luxembourg tour and military cemetery, adult \$59, child \$49; **Jan. 22.** Munich and Dachau concentration camps, including tour of city, \$69; **Jan. 22.** day trip to Paris with city tour, adult \$99, child \$59; **Jan. 22.** Rhine River fortresses, including visits to Marksburg and Ehrenbreitstein, adult \$49, child \$45; **Jan. 23.** day trip to Tongeren, Belgium's antique and flea market, adult \$39, child \$35; **Jan. 29.** Black Forest cuckoo clock shopping and museum visit, adult \$45, child \$39; **Jan. 29.** CentO Mall, \$39; **Jan. 29.** Heidelberg Castle and city tour, \$35 adult, \$29 child; **Jan. 29.** Military Heritage Tour to Bastogne, \$69; **Jan. 29.** Rothenburg tour, adult \$49, child \$39; **Feb. 3-6.** Carneval in Venice and sightseeing in Florence, including boat tour, hotel night in Venice and city tour of Florence, \$259 per person double occupancy, \$30 single supplement.

Contact USOC at Vogelweh Main Exchange shopping center, DSN 489-6033, CIV 0631-536-6033; Ramstein Passenger Terminal, DSN 480-6326, CIV 06371-42623; Landstuhl Hospital, DSN 486-6240, CIV 06371-63463, Kiebel Kaseme, DSN 483-7397, CIV 0631-46237, US Administrative Offices, Pulaski Barracks, DSN 489-7233, CIV 0631-536-7233, Tours Office phone: DSN 489-7640, CIV 0631-536-7640.

**USO Rhein-Neckar (Darmstadt-Heidelberg-Mannheim): Jan. 14.** Evelin's Wellness Spa, with body-draining wrap, 105 euros (with VAT form) for two-hour treatment plus \$29 for transport; **Jan. 14.** Vienna overnight, cost TBA. **Jan. 15.** Paris Express, adult \$89, child under 11, \$60; **Jan. 15.** medieval dinner at Schloss Auerbach, adult 57.50 euros; child 3-11, 29 euros, not including transport; **Jan. 17.** Birkenstock factory and the city of Limburg, \$49; **Jan. 18.** Ludwigsburg Castle and Rüdesheim, \$45; **Jan. 23.** Caracalla Terme, Baden-Baden, \$39 includes entry and transportation; **Jan. 25.** Weinheim orientation, \$10; **Jan. 26.** shopping in Sautenheim, France, \$35; **Jan. 29.** Heidelberg orientation, \$10; **Jan. 29.** CentO Mall, \$39. Contact USOC Darmstadt at DSN 348-7918; USO Heidelberg at DSN 370-7924; and USO Mannheim at DSN 385-3195.

## Italy

**USO Naples: Jan. 15-1.** Renaissance weekend in Tuscany, including two nights in Florence and visits to Pisa, Lucca, and Arezzo, 239 euros; **Jan. 22-23.** wines of Calabria and visits to historical sites, 135 euros; **Feb. 5-6.** Calabria, including visits to San Giovanni in Pione and Caccuzzi, 199 euros; **Feb. 11-14.** Valentine's Day in Paris, includes airfare, transfers, three nights in hotel, and tours, 588 euros; **Feb. 12-13.** Southwest Weekend with night in Florence and guided tour, 169 euros (over 18 only); **Feb. 19-20.** Umbria, with visits to Assisi, Perugia and Deruta, 169 euros; **Feb. 26-27.** Tuscany, with visits to Siena and San Gimignano and wine tasting, 169 euros. Call DSN 626-5713 for details.

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## AUSTRIA

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VIENNA: Vienna Philharmonic ball, **Jan. 20**; Army officers' ball, **Jan. 21**; pharmacists' ball, **Jan. 22**; engineers' ball, **Jan. 27**; physicians' ball, **Jan. 29**; hunters' ball, **Jan. 31**; opera ball, **Feb. 3**; Viennese coffee house owners' ball, **Feb. 2**; bonbon ball, **Feb. 4**; lawyers' ball, **Feb. 5**; Rudolfini masked ball, **Feb. 7**; Johann Strauss ball, **March 19**.  
VIENNA: Dream on ice, **Jan. 21**; March 6, ice skating in front of City Hall.

## BELGIUM

**www.visitbelgium.com**  
ANTWERP: Snow and ice sculpture festival, **through Jan. 16**.  
THROUGHOUT the country: Anniversary of 175 years of independence, **through 2005**.  
BRUSSELS: Beer 2005, **through 2005**.  
BRUSSELS: Antiques show, **Jan. 21-23**; Tour & Taxis.  
STAVELT: Mid-Lent carnival, **March 6**.  
BINCHE: Carnival, **Feb. 6-8**.

## DENMARK

**www.visitdenmark.com**  
COPENHAGEN: Opening of the city opera, **Jan. 15**.  
THROUGHOUT the country: Shrove tilting at the barrel, **Feb. 6-7**.

## ENGLAND

**www.visitbritain.com**  
YORK: Stamp and coin fair, **Jan. 14-15**. Racecourse.  
LONDON: Daily telephone adventure travel and sports show, **Jan. 14-16**. Olympia.  
SPALDING: Motorbike 2005, **Jan. 15-16**.  
LONDON: International mime festival, **Jan. 15-30**.  
LONDON: Vive España, **Jan. 21-23**. French travel and lifestyle show in Olympia.  
LONDON: Vive España, **Jan. 28-30**. Spanish travel and lifestyle show in Olympia.  
LONDON: Motorcycle show, **Jan. 28-30**.  
Feb. 6. Alexandra Palace.  
LONDON: Daily Telephone Destinations: Holiday and Travel Show, **Feb. 3-6**. Earls Court.  
YORK: Viking festival, **Feb. 4-20**.  
DONCASTER: Festival of British Railway Models, **Feb. 12-13**.  
LONDON: Chinese New Year celebrations, **Feb. 13**.

## FRANCE

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METZ: Flea market, **Feb. 5, 19**.  
PARIS: Annual winter store sales, **through mid-February**.  
DUNKERQUE: Carnival, **Jan. 15-26**.  
SARREGUEMINES (Lorraine): Carnival, **Jan. 23-26**.  
PARIS: Prêt à porter Paris, **Jan.**

# Calendar

## Let's Go

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## Summer in China

Head east this summer to the exotic land of China on a tour organized by TenKOne travel agency and guided by Graziella Sefcik. It runs June 18 to July 2 and travels to four major cities.

The first stop is Beijing. Highlights include visits to the Great Wall, Mink Tombs, Tiananmen Square, Palace Museum (formerly the "Forbidden City"), 18th-century summer palace and by rickshaw, Hutong (the 100-year-old residential area to visit families). Take a flight to Xian and see the Shaanxi history museum, the Terracotta Warriors, Banpo Village (the oldest in the region), the city's ancient city wall and Wild Goose Pagoda and Grand Mosque. Then fly to Guilin to visit the Red Cliff Caves and cruise the Li River. Finally, fly to Shanghai and take a Tai chi lesson and visit the Jade Buddha Temple, Yu Yuan gardens, Shanghai Old City, Crystal Palace and Suzhou with its gardens.

There also will be free time for shopping and some personal sightseeing.

The cost is \$3,440 per person, double occupancy, and includes round-trip air fare Frankfurt-Beijing-Shanghai-Praeford, domestic flights Beijing-Xian-Guilin-Shanghai, motor coach transportation,

hotel accommodations, 12 dinners, nine lunches, Huanyu cruise, acrobatic show, Xianjiao singing and dancing, dragon boat ride, high tea ceremony, sightseeing per itinerary, national escort, local guides, entrance fees, visa handling and local taxes.

For details, contact Graziella Sefcik, the tour organizer, at telephone (+49) (0) 8231-2134 or e-mail [graziella@tenandone.com](mailto:graziella@tenandone.com). Or call the agency at (+49) (0) 8231 23 34 720. Email [n.rittenbach@tenandone.com](mailto:n.rittenbach@tenandone.com).

## Chelsea flower show

Although it doesn't take place until May 24 to 28 (May 26 to 28 for non-Royal Horticultural Society members), the Chelsea Flower Show in London, England, is already selling tickets. In fact, no tickets will be available at the door. They must be either reserved or purchased in advance.

The show is considered the most famous in the gardening and flower world. Leading designers create show gardens and the Grand Pavilion contains thousands of flowers and plants. There are also demonstrations and exhibitions.

A full-day (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) ticket costs \$6 pounds (about \$70). Partial day tickets cost \$1.50 pounds (about \$40) from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 16 pounds for 5:30 to 8 p.m. For details, go to [www.rhs.org.uk/chelsea](http://www.rhs.org.uk/chelsea).

TODTMOOS (Black Forest): International dog sled races, **Jan. 29-30**.  
SINSHEIM: Motorcycle exhibition, **Feb. 2-13**. Exhibition center.  
BERLIN: International motorcycle show, **Feb. 4-6**. Fairground.  
COLOGNE: Carnival parade, **Feb. 7**.  
DÜSSELDORF: Carnival parade, **Feb. 7**.  
MAINZ: Carnival parade, **Feb. 7**.  
BERLIN: International film festival, **Feb. 10-12**.  
BERNAU (Black Forest): Dog sled races, **Feb. 12-13**.  
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ENGLAND: If you want to experience a little Gallic culture, head to London's Olympia this weekend for the annual Vive la France fair. Check out French holidays, buy fresh food in the French markets, sample French cuisine, try some French wines, watch celebrities at the French cooking theater and ensure about buying property at the biggest French property exhibit in the country. Doors open at daily at 9:30 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Tickets at the door cost 12 pounds (about \$22) on Friday and 15 pounds on the weekend. Children under 5 enter free.

The nearest tube station is Olympia Kensington. The Web site is [www.vivelafrance.co.uk](http://www.vivelafrance.co.uk).

GERMANY: The BMW R 1200 ST makes its world premiere at Munich's International motorcycle show IMOT, which runs tomorrow through the weekend at the city's fair grounds. Also sharing the spotlight is the German premiere of the BMW R 1200RT and Harley-Davidson's Sportster 883 Low (XL883L). Check out the more than 200 exhibitors from 12 countries offering the latest in bikes and accessories. The show is open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is 11 euros for adults, 3 euros for children up to 18 and free for children up to 12. The IMOT Web site is [www.imot.de](http://www.imot.de) (in German). Click on "Anfahrt und Beschreibung" for a map to the grounds.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2005

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Stanley	Movie *** "Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters First 100 Years" (1989, Dreama) (D)	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	Nightline	College Basketball Kansas at Iowa State (Taped)	30-Minute Meals	Jeopardy!
9:30 Sagans-Siamess Cat		Headline News	Headline News	Navy/Marine Corps News		Low Carb & Lovin' It	Headline News
10:00 Arthur (E)	10:45 Oprah Winfrey	10:45 Oprah Winfrey	ESPNews	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Design on a Dime	ESPNews
10:30 Reading Rainbow (E)	10:45 Oprah Winfrey	10:45 Oprah Winfrey	Advisory Block			Shive Star	Pacific Report
11:00 Sagans-Siamess Cat	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	(17) General Hospital	Will & Grace "Tip-Top"	The O'Reilly Factor	College Basketball Texas-E Paso at Nevada (Taped)	ET News Live	Two and a Half Men
11:30 Stanley "Web Weavers"	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The King of Queens	Will & Grace "Tip-Top"
12:00 Dora the Explorer (E)	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		That '70s Show (Part 3 of 3)	Desperate Housewives "Ah, but Underneath"
12:30 The Wiggles "Korndale"	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		Griffiths "The Rabbit Hole"	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Bad Words"
13:00 Bob the Builder	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		Charmed "They're Everywhere"	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Bad Words"
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		Amy McBeal "Fear of Firing"	Pacific Report
14:00 Blue's Clues	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno
14:30 Barney & Friends (E)	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		Any Day Now "Pleasant Don't Tell My Mother"	Late Show With David Letterman
15:00 Funniest Home Videos	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		Third Watch "Impulse"	Access Hollywood
16:00 Pokemon	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		Law & Order "DRP"	Headline News
16:30 No-Gi-Oh	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
17:00 Doug "Doug Directs" (E)	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
17:30 Rocket Power	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
18:00 The Fairly OddParents	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
18:30 Rugrats	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
19:00 That '80s Haven	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
19:30 All That	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
20:00 'Nn Heaven "That Touch of Sin"	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
20:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
21:00 The Cosby Show	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
21:30 The Cosby Show	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
22:00 Home Improvement	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
23:00 Touched by an Angel "Blessed Dreamer"	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
23:30 Touched by an Angel "Blessed Dreamer"	10:45 Movie *** "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) (D)	Headline News	Alas! So I Begin	60 Minutes		The Simpsons	The Late Late Show

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00:00 Aahh!! Real Monsters	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Late Show-Letterman	Play With Me Sesame	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	Play With Me Sesame
00:30 Rocket Power	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Access Hollywood	Bear in the Big Blue House	NBC Nightly News	Pardon the Interruption	Sumnerland "Yummy Mummy"	Bear in the Big Blue House
1:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	College Basketball Duke at North Carolina State (Live)	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)	ABC World News Tonight	NFL Films Presents	Sumnerland "Yummy Mummy"	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)
1:30 Rugrats	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Wheel of Fortune	CBS Evening News	NBA Action	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Wheel of Fortune
2:00 That '80s Haven	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Dr. Phil	Newsweek Weekend With Jim Lehrer	(15) NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets at Houston Rockets (Live)	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Dr. Phil
2:30 All That	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Oprah Winfrey	Hannity & Colmes	From Toyota Center in Houston (Live)	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Oprah Winfrey
3:00 'Nn Heaven "That Touch of Sin"	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	NBC Nightly News	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	NBC Nightly News
3:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
4:00 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
4:30 Sesame Street (E)	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
5:00 Barney & Friends (E)	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
5:30 Blue's Clues	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
6:00 Barney & Friends (E)	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
6:30 Blue's Clues	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
7:00 Dragon Tales (E)	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
7:30 Bob the Builder	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
8:00 The Wiggles "Directors"	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
8:30 Dora the Explorer	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
9:00 Stanley	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
9:30 Sagans-Siamess Cat	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
10:00 Arthur (E)	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
10:30 Reading Rainbow (E)	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
11:00 Sagans-Siamess Cat	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
11:30 Stanley	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
12:00 Dora the Explorer	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
12:30 The Wiggles "History"	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
13:00 Bob the Builder	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
14:00 Blue's Clues "Let's Boogie"	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
14:30 Barney & Friends Creativity	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
15:00 Funniest Home Videos	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
16:00 Full House	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
16:30 Pokemon "Random Ship"	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
17:00 No-Gi-Oh	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
17:30 Doug "Doug's Brain Drain"	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
18:00 Rocket Power "Part 2 of 3"	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
18:30 The Fairly OddParents	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
19:00 Rugrats	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
19:30 All Grown Up	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
19:30 Dave the Barbarian	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
20:00 Danny Phantom	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
20:30 Drake & Josh "Movie Job"	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
21:00 That '80s Haven	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
21:30 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
22:00 Switched "Anna and Julia"	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
22:30 Radio Free Roscoe	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
23:00 The Cosby Show	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy
23:30 Home Improvement	11:30 Movie *** "Dr. No" (1963) Sean Connery	Headline News	Judge Judy	Nightly Business Report	Headline News	Sumnerland "On the Last Night of Summer"	Judge Judy

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## FACES

## Trump's version of the 'Love Boat'

Two words sum up a trip being offered to fans of "The Apprentice." You're sailing!

An eight-night cruise with the theme of the hit NBC show will sail from New York to the Caribbean on Sept. 26 after a bon voyage party in Manhattan with a send-off from Donald Trump.

Cast members from the show—including Bill Rancic, the first Apprentice, and Stacie Jones Upchurch, Jennifer Crisafulli and Raj Bhakta from the second season—will be on board. The trip will take place on the Carnival Legend cruise ship.

Guests can meet and talk to cast members, but there also will be onboard competitions involving teams and tasks, just like there is on the TV show, which is hosted by Trump. Participation will be open to all passengers.

In addition to cash prizes, one person will win the grand prize—spending a day as chief executive officer of Expedia.com, the online travel agency that is co-sponsoring the cruise.

The CEO-for-a-day will get a \$15,000 paycheck for all that hard work, first-class airfare to New York and ground transportation by limousine, plus a stay in a five-star hotel.

## Isley Brothers' singer pleads not guilty

Isley Brothers lead singer Ron Isley pleaded not guilty to charges of failing to report performance and royalty income.

Isley, who entered the plea Monday, was indicted in October for allegedly evading taxes from 1987 to 2002 by depositing his dead brother's royalty checks, buying cars for his personal use with money from a business account and paying his band members cash to keep them off the books.

He is charged with five counts of tax evasion and one count of failing to file an income tax return.

Isley, 63, was ordered to stand trial March 8. If convicted, he could face up to 25 years in prison.

According to the indictment, the R&B singer avoided paying taxes numerous times in the past three decades and declared bankruptcy after the Internal Revenue Service seized his yacht, cars and other property in 1997.

## Tambor becomes father, grandfather

Congratulations to new father—and new grandfather—Jeffrey Tambor of "Arrested Development."

Tambor, 60, who plays the patriarch of a dysfunctional family on the Fox comedy, and his wife, Kasia, 35, welcomed son Gabriel Kasper on Dec. 10, spokeswoman Amy Zvi said Monday.

Four days later, Tambor became a grandfather when his daughter, Molly, gave birth to son Mason Jay Moore.

Tambor, who played talk-show sidekick Hank Kingsley on television's "The Larry Sanders Show," will appear on Broadway in "Glenngary Glen Ross" beginning in April, his spokeswoman said in a statement.

## Grammy-winning Tejano artist arrested

Grammy Award-winning Tejano recording artist Emilio Navaira was free on bond Tuesday following his arrest on a drunken driving charge.

Navaira was charged after his sport utility vehicle rolled over early Monday as he tried to make a turn, a San Antonio, Texas, police report said.

Navaira was treated at University Hospital, where he refused to give a blood sample.

He was then taken to a magistrate's office for booking and released on a \$3,500 bond.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

## In Hollywood...



Chuck Mitchell is president of Voices in the Arts, which dubs American films.

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## breaking language barriers brings in big bucks

With profits to be made, studios get serious about dubbing

BY MARY MCNAMARA  
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD—At first, Chuck Mitchell did not think it was such a great idea to insert a slaughterhouse joke in the middle of "Shrek."

"I said, wait a minute. I don't think so. I mean, it's one thing to have Shrek say he's going to kick Donkey's butt; it's another to have him dragging him off to the meat house."

But then Mitchell isn't Polish. Apparently, in Poland, there is a very funny folk tale involving a donkey and a slaughterhouse. And according to the translator working on the Polish version of the wildly successful DreamWorks film, they would be fools not to reference it. So Mitchell said he with the slaughterhouse.

"We had a great translator," he says with a shrug. "I trusted him. There were lots of things that had to be changed because a lot of the fairy tales they use in 'Shrek' are not known in Poland. So we used dialogue to add some Polish fairy tales."

Mitchell is president of Voices in the Arts, an audio production company that does, among other things, foreign dubbing for theatrical and nontheatrical film projects. As foreign sales have become increasingly important to the entertainment industry—making up, in some cases, 50 percent of revenue—the "foreign post-production," or dubbing, industry has grown in scope and expertise. Where once it consisted of literal voice-over translation, often not particularly well-synchronized, now entire casts and crews are assembled to re-create the dialogue in a way that captures not only the spirit of the original movie but also provides local nuance to make it play better in the various foreign territories.

Throughout Western Europe, English-speaking film and television has been regularly dubbed for years. In France, Italy, Germany and Spain (the FGFS, as they are called in the industry), there is a free-standing dubbing industry with studios and talent that can have lucrative careers in dubbing alone. But as Hollywood has ventured into East-

ern Europe, Asia and Africa, dubbing is overseen by the American studios that will hire local actors and directors but, when the budget allows, also provide a production supervisor such as Mitchell to be on set.

Mitchell signs off on everything—from the script to the performances, where cultural translation is as important as linguistics.

For "Shrek," Mitchell oversaw the Polish, Catalan and Castilian versions; for "Titan A.E.," he worked in Hong Kong, Korea, Spain, Iceland and Greece; and for "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace," he supervised the dubbing in Hong Kong and Russia.

"Chuck is part of a very select group who not only understand the creative process but also know how to do all the audio post-production," says Debra Chinn, executive director of international theatrical dubbing for Fox Film Corp., who has worked with Mitchell many times over the years. "Because it's not a question of understanding the language so much as it is understanding the original project."

"In a way, I am a professional American," Mitchell says. "A lot of the [foreign] directors may or may not have worked in the U.S., so they may or may not get some of the references or nuance. Sometimes I have to explain that this is supposed to be funny, or this isn't."

Mitchell, who got into theatrical dubbing by way of music production and interactive dubbing, is one of a handful of independent dubbing supervisors living in the United States. Occasionally, he works in the FGFS. (If there is a big enough budget for the translated version, local stars will be cast—in France, Vincent Cassel often dubs Hugh Grant; in Poland, Jerzy Stuhr dubbed Eddie Murphy in both "Shreks.") But much of his work has been in the newer territories. Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa still tend toward subtitled, but that is changing, especially for those films aimed at a family audience.

"When I got into dubbing in 1989," says Chinn, who has a degree in linguistics, "I went to Disney because the only studio that had its own dubbing department was Disney. Now most of the big studios have one."

*"There were lots of things that had to be changed because a lot of the fairy tales they use in 'Shrek' are not known in Poland."*

**Chuck Mitchell**  
president of Voices in the Arts, on dubbing "Shrek" for overseas markets



## OPINION

## Tort system inflicts its pain and suffering

BY SEBASTIAN MALLABY

The Washington Post

President Bush has waged into two big domestic policy arguments: Social Security reform and the overhaul of the tort system. On the first issue, he should tread gently. Social Security needs to be shored up, but it's fundamentally a good program. On the second issue, an elephantine trampling would be kind. The tort system is an abomination.

The most complete study of the tort system's cost comes from the consulting firm Tillinghast-Towers Perrin. Tillinghast's clients are mainly insurers, which are at loggerheads with the trial bar, so you may distrust its data. Nonetheless, Tillinghast has published seven updates to its original 1985 study, refining its methodology along the way. Its numbers are the best available. And they are stunning.

In 2003, according to Tillinghast, the tort system cost \$246 billion — meaning the average American paid \$845 for it via more-expensive goods and services. But the really shocking thing is where the billions went. Injured plaintiffs — the fabled little guys for whom the system is supposedly designed — got less than half the money.

According to Tillinghast's 2002 data, plaintiffs' lawyers swallowed 19 percent of the \$233 billion. Defense lawyers pocketed an additional 14 percent, and other administrative costs, mainly at insurance firms, accounted for a further 21 percent. The legal-administrative complex thus guzzled fully 54 percent of the money in the tort system, or \$126 billion. That's 43 times as much as the federal government has budgeted this year to combat the global AIDS pandemic.

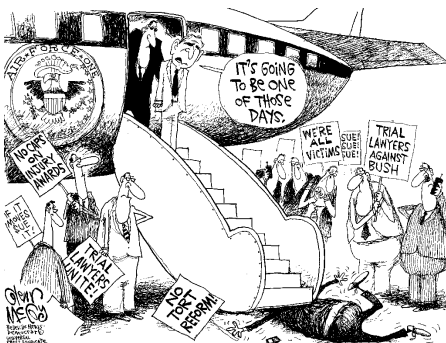
No other system for compensating mis-

fortune has such outrageous administrative costs. To guard against the possibility of sickness, people buy medical insurance; the health insurance industry, justly regarded as a paper-clogged nightmare, has administrative costs of 14 percent. To guard against the danger of disability, we have the Social Security program. The overhead for the Social Security disability system is around 3 percent. If you want a really good number to set against the 54 percent overhead in the tort system, just take a look at Medicare. Its overhead is about 2 percent.

So the tort system's administrative costs are a scandal. But are its other costs much better? Of the 46 cents per dollar in the system that actually make it to plaintiffs, 22 cents are paid out to compensate people for economic damages, including damaged property, lost wages and medical expenses. The other 24 cents are paid to compensate plaintiffs for "pain and suffering." Should we really want a system that pays out billions for emotional distress? A little thought suggests we shouldn't.

A tort system is a form of insurance: Consumers accept higher prices for products and services in exchange for the chance to be compensated if the product or service harms them. Outside the tort system, we have plenty of examples of people buying insurance or warranties. People insure their cars, homes, refrigerators; they want protection against financial setbacks. But people don't buy much insurance to protect themselves from pain and suffering; their revealed preference is that they don't want it. So why have a tort system that provides more than \$50 billion in pain-and-suffering awards annually?

If the administrative costs are a scandal, and the pain-and-suffering payouts are dubious, what can be said for the residual 22 percent of the money in the tort system?



Perhaps this portion — the part that finances economic damages for plaintiffs — is defensible? Actually, you can't even defend this chunk, because the money is distributed so badly. People who suffer small and medium-size losses usually get nothing. Claims have to be in the hundreds of thousands before they are economic to litigate. Big claims do get compensated, but at a rate that depends on the location of the trial, the composition of the jury and the depth of the defendant's pockets — not just on the size of the injury.

The haphazard nature of tort payouts undermines the potentially salutary effect on corporate behavior. If manufacturers can't

predict what they might be sued for and how much, they won't reach rational decisions about making their products safer. Sure enough, studies of injury rates often find no evidence that a rise in litigation is followed by an increase in safety.

Bush is pushing three kinds of tort reform, and all of them are worthy. But the ultimate goal should be to shrink the tort system radically. Measured as a share of GDP, America's tort system is more than twice as expensive as it was in 1960, twice as expensive as the current systems in France or Canada, and three times as expensive as the system in Britain. A reasonable goal for the American tort system is to halve it.

## Passengers tired of taking a flier when in the air

Los Angeles Times

Last week's move by Delta Airlines to lower and simplify its fares might trigger an overdue shake-out of the nation's airline industry, which last year posted losses in excess of \$5 billion and is more than \$25 billion in the hole for the decade. More of the nation's major airlines should have become extinct by now — joining such hallowed names as Eastern and Pan Am in the afterlife — but companies have been allowed to keep flying by overly indulgent bankruptcy laws and clumsy government interference with the free market.

No industry has done a better job of gaming the bankruptcy system.

For carriers like US Airways and United, bankruptcy seems less a safe harbor from creditors in theory to reorganize than an ongoing part of their business plan. Flying under bankruptcy, as five airlines do, provides an unfair advantage over competitors, a license to continue losing money without facing the consequences. Worst of all, excessive reliance on this life support has stymied overall development of the industry and slowed growth of a new generation of healthy, low-cost airlines.

There is something about the airline business that turns members of Congress from both parties into hopeless socialists, unwilling to allow the market to allocate resources — in this case the skies, planes and those airport gates — to their most efficient use. Members of Congress care deeply about airlines, even beyond saving jobs in a given district, because they offer the

means of escape from Washington, not to mention sizable frequent-flier awards.

The Bush administration deserves credit for resisting congressional pressure, including from House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., to grant airlines more aid on the bogus theory that their ongoing woes stem from the Sept. 11 attacks. But there is still far too much interference with the free market in the business, as exemplified by the government's refusal in 2001 to allow a distress merger between United and US Airways. Worse, Congress has refused to lift antiquated limits on foreign ownership of U.S.-based carriers, which has needlessly shut out investment capital and competition.

Without Washington's meddling, development of the multi-tiered industry that has no benefited consumers would accelerate. By multiple tiers, we mean a business in which not every airline strives to be all things to all people.

The older carriers' business model and labor costs were predicated on the notion that you can be simultaneously Neiman Marcus and Wal-Mart. And they would charge Neiman Marcus fares for Wal-Mart service if you designed to fly on short notice, or chose not to be stranded where you didn't want to be over a Saturday night.

A multi-tiered industry would have fewer global and national carriers engaged

in more-meaningful competition, and more regional, lower-cost niche players. As the first of a new breed, Southwest Airlines — an enterprise that has saved U.S. households untold billions — succeeded against the odds, then beyond its expectations.

Southwest and newer, successful low-cost carriers such as JetBlue and Air-Tran now carry nearly a third of domestic passengers. Their strength is reinforced by the Internet, which robbed carriers of their pricing power and shifted it to consumers.

Delta's move to cap last-minute fares and do away with Saturday-night stay requirements is a recognition that it's a new world out there for fliers, one that no one in Washington should oppose.

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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# Horoscope

There's the opportunity to embody the very quality you want to possess. Grace, maturity and even majesty can be accomplished simply, naturally and without resistance. As the sun and Saturn engage in an enlightening conversation, you can powerfully assimilate recent lessons. Model a desired character trait, and you'll become it.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(January 13.)** You'll get validation this year from your family, your peers and your community at large.

Career happenings in February are remarkable. When you think you're through, something happens to take your project to the next level. Love is fabulous with a Cancer or Leo. For couples, the idea of building a better home with the one you love is an aphrodisiac.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The lessons of the day are of the Zen variety — deliberately irrational occurrences that will jar you into realizing the limits of your thinking. What an experience. You drift off to sleep tonight to the sound of one hand clapping.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Your grandiose mission will be reduced to something menial — like standing in line at the post office or delivering coffee. It's all an important part of the plan, so don't worry that you might be wasting your time.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You do know how to bring the goods. Still, don't go all smarty-pants on your co-workers or boss. They're likely to get annoyed by your over-achieving tendencies. Play it humble. Anyone with half a brain knows you're great.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

The stars provide a kind of security check list. Still, be asking yourself hard questions, especially regarding your finances. It's simple, really. The more you do for others, the better you are compensated.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Be the total individual today, not at all influenced by the usual onslaught of

advertising and corporate brainwashing you encounter. You don't need a media spectacle to show you what you want out of life.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

When you think about your social life, there are definite rungs of friendship people must go through to get close to you. You don't answer the phone to just anybody. Somebody jumps from a lower rung to a higher one today.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The apt of deception is featured, and you're alarmingly good at it. Your intention is not to harm the other person, but you sure wouldn't mind if they thought something was actually true.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

An idea you once cynically dismissed is now on your hot track. You have the ability to see controversial issues from all sides, but others have a hard time abandoning their strong points of view.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Being regimented is overrated. Besides, your curiosity takes you in a fascinating direction. Like Alice down the rabbit hole, you're not sure where you're headed, but you find a wonderland if you just keep going.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're the center of attention, even though you don't feel as fabulous as others see you. If only you could see yourself in others, do, you'd give yourself a big hug and a few words of encouragement.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Mistakes happen, and you're adept at blowing past them in favor of focusing on the good. But there's a persistent error that deserves your attention. Rectifying it will bring an influx of good fortune to your world.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

The stars grant you abundant charisma. All you have to do is wave your hand, and people come running. Please remember to use your powers for good and not evil, though it's tempting to toy with others.

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## Holiday Mathis



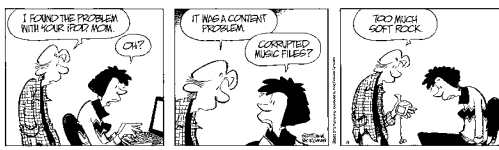
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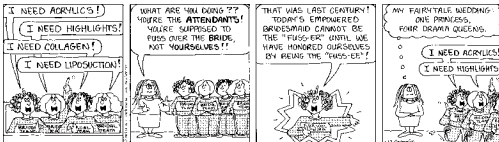
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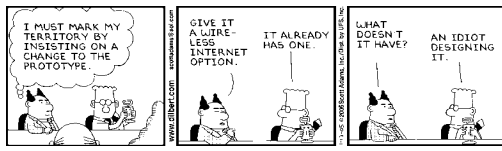
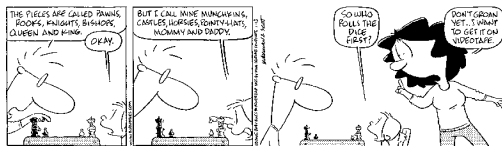


## Better or Worse



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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 19 Ledge
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| 4  | Boring tool                    | 30 | Congeal              |
| 5  | Properly                       | 35 | New Haven collegian  |
| 6  | Judge Lance                    | 37 | Photog's             |
| 7  | Kurosawa movie                 | 38 | unfamiliar           |
| 8  | Foolish Things"                | 39 | Phoenix's origin     |
| 9  | Like that kid at Camp Grenada? | 40 | Little devil         |
| 10 | Evangelist Roberts             | 41 | "Smallville" girl    |
|    | 11 Complaint                   | 42 | Teamwork obstacles   |
|    | 12 Suitable                    |    | Re planes            |
|    | 13 Chateau                     | 43 | Bohr or Borge        |
|    | 22 Annoyed                     | 45 | Pack away            |
|    | 23 "Monopoly" card             | 46 | Mrs. Dick Tracy      |
|    |                                | 49 | Eggs                 |
|    |                                | 50 | "Little Women" woman |

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** IF A MAN COULD  
COME TO A COSTUME PARTY DRESSED AS A  
KNIFE, HE'D LOOK REALLY SHARP.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: E equals R

# Saying 'I love you' not competition

**Dear Abby:** "Confused in Quito, Ecuador" complained that when she says, "I love you," her boyfriend's response is "I love you more." She asked what made him feel he had to "best" her in this. Please let her know it's possible he's only repeating an endearment that means, "My love for you is so immense it has no bounds."

**Dear Abby**



I'd bet my next paycheck that the young man has no intention of trying to "top" her, but instead feels he's giving her the highest compliment he can.

**Ruth in Brandon, Miss.**

**Dear Ruth:** I agree. However, you would not believe the letters and e-mails that "Confused's" question generated! Read on:

**Dear Abby:** "Confused" shouldn't be offended. I have a 10-year-old son, and that is one

of our standard routines at bedtime. We always tell each other we love each other when we kiss goodnight. The fun is seeing who can tell the other that we love each other more, until finally one of us says, "I love you more than anyone can love anyone in the whole wide world."

Please urge "Confused" not to make a competition out of it, and just enjoy the fact that he "loves her more."

**Loved in Minnesota**  
**Dear Loved:** My mail indicates that the "I love you more" game is a tradition in many families.

**Dear Abby:** "Confused" should listen to her instincts.

If her boyfriend feels the need to compete with her and "win" in other areas, too, it could be a warning sign of a potential abuser. When I was a domestic violence advocate, this was one of

the "little" signs we told clients to watch out for.  
**Sherri in West Virginia**  
**Dear Sherri:** Thank you for lending another point of view.

**Dear Abby:** I hope "Confused" ends her relationship with that young man and allows him the freedom to find someone who truly appreciates him. Shortly before my daughter's wedding, she and her fiancé were in her car driving home when she said, "I love you." He replied, "I love you more." Thus was born the theme for their wedding.

They had their wedding bands engraved with the phrase, and I embroidered it on the ring bearer's pillow. Two children later, they're still saying it and blissfully happy.

**Dear Joan:** What a beautiful way to memorialize a wedding ceremony.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can e-mail to Abby on the Internet at: <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**A:** "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □" THE "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □"

Yesterday's Jumbles: **RUSTY TRIPE SUPERB FALLOW**  
Answer: When her purse was snatched, the tumplike oasis became a — "WREST" STOP

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

# Wife, stepson barely bearable

**Dear Annie:** When I married "Martha," a single mother, I joked about finally getting the son and daughter I've always wanted. About three years into our marriage, my "son" appeared in the form of a 30-year-old smoker who stinks from his cigarettes and whatever cologne he uses as a substitute for bathing.

**Annie's Mailbox**



Martha asked me to let "Mitchell" stay until he got back on his feet, and I assumed she meant a few months. We now are running a filthy flophouse so Mitchell can save on rent, buy gadgets for his motorcycle and feed his nicotine addiction. He sleeps most of the day and parties at night.

We subsidize Mitchell's never-ending cell phone calls, cigarettes, women and hobbies by giving him room and board. He does buy most of his own food, but I resent being his scullery maid and garbage man.

Now Martha wants to move closer to her daughter.

Meanwhile, I finally have a job I love and don't want to move. I enjoy I owe Martha plenty, but lately, our marriage consists of eating in front of the television. To make things worse, Martha neglects her health, is badly overweight, has terrible halitosis from poor oral hygiene, and I have only a vague memory of sex.

Martha says Mitchell is moving in with his latest lover, but the move better come with a "no return" policy. Thanks for letting me vent.

**— At Wits' End in North Carolina**

**Dear At Wits' End:** Glad to lend an ear, but it doesn't seem enough.

Please consider marriage counseling. You have mentioned several problems that need extensive and ongoing work. If Martha won't go with you for counseling, go without her.

**Dear Annie:** I have never

been one to deny anyone the right to smoke, as long as it doesn't interfere with my right to breathe.

However, upon my return from a recent vacation at the beautiful beaches of Georgia, I'm prompted to ask smokers a question. What makes you think the world is your ashtray? Why do so many smokers throw their lit cigarettes out of car windows or flick them onto the ground? Do they think someone walks behind them to clean up these little treasures? It's a crime to be in a beautiful spot like those beaches on Jekyll Island and come across cigarette butts in the sand.

**— Louisville, Ky.**  
**Dear Louisville:** Most smokers try very hard to be considerate of others and the environment, but there are always a few who don't care or don't think.

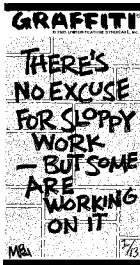
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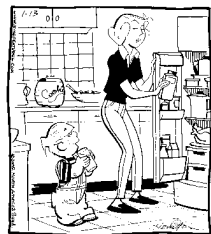
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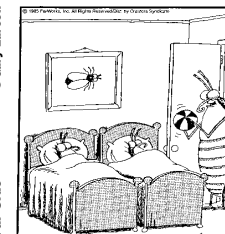
"Harmony is when you find two notes that love one another."



**Demis the Menace**



**The Far Side**



**Non Sequitur**



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## College basketball

## AP Men's Top 25 ranked

**Tuesday**

1. Illinois (16-0) did not play. Next: Penn State.

2. Kansas (11-0) did not play. Next: at Iowa State.

3. Duke (12-1) did not play. Next: at North Carolina.

4. Wake Forest (12-0) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest.

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**AFN Sports and Radio, 2 a.m.**—NBA: New York Knicks at Philadelphia.

**AFN-Atlantic, 7 a.m.**—College basketball: Manhattan at Cornell.

**AFN Sports, 4:30 a.m.**—NBA: Cleveland at Los Angeles.

**AFN Sports, 7:30 p.m.**—College basketball: Oregon State at Washington State (live).

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## College basketball

## AP Men's Top 25 ranked

**Tuesday**

1. Illinois (16-0) did not play. Next: at Penn State.

2. Kansas (11-0) did not play. Next: at Iowa State.

3. Duke (12-1) did not play. Next: at North Carolina.

4. Wake Forest (12-0) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest.

5. Duke (11-0) did not play. Next: at North Carolina.

6. Oklahoma State (12-1) beat Missouri 74-69, New Year's Day.

7. Syracuse (16-1) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech.

8. Kentucky (13-2) did not play. Next: at North Carolina.

9. Texas (10-2) did not play. Next: at Tennessee.

10. Kentucky (10-2) did not play. Next: at Tennessee.

11. Mississippi State (14-2) did not play. Next: at Tennessee.

12. Connecticut (13-3) did not play. Next: at Rhode Island.

13. Boston College (13-0) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest.

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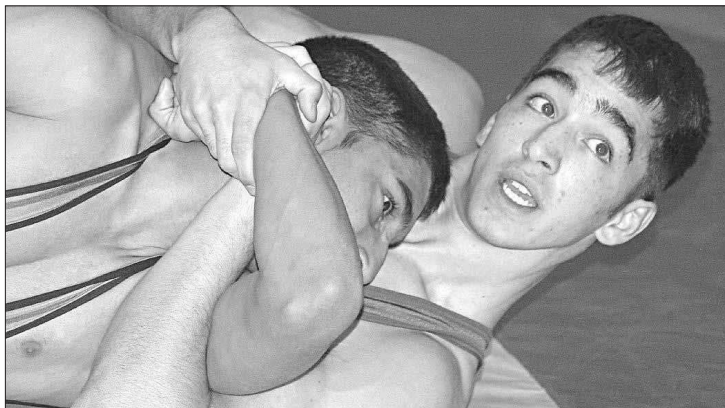
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# HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS



Courtesy of John Mortimer

Menwith Hill senior Cole McClain, right, controls British champion Gurtej Badesha during his 7-4 victory over Badesha at the Aspull International tournament in Wigan, England, last November. McClain has been training with the British National Freestyle team.

## McClain ready to take on world

### Menwith Hill wrestler adds tougher competition to training

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

**L**osing doesn't sit well with Menwith Hill's Cole McClain.

McClain, who wrestles at 152 pounds for the Mustangs, lost last year's 142-pound European championship match, 6-4, to Ramstein's Karl Saucier.

Since then, McClain has embarked on a self-improvement plan that has him training three times a week with the British National Freestyle team, with whom he's wrestling — and winning — international tournaments.

He has one goal in mind. "I plan to see Saucier again," McClain, 17, said by telephone on Monday.

"I got into this training just to beat him," McClain said.

Now, he's beating just about everyone.

After taking his lumps at the outset against more experienced freestylers, McClain won international championships at Tryst, Scotland, in June; Dublin, Ireland, in October and Wigan, England, in November.

"I was very intimidated at first," the lanky McClain said of his early days after he took up freestyle in June at a club in Bradford, England.

"I was getting beaten up going against adults who were heavier than I was and knew the technique. I knew I had to improve."

He quickly did, mastering the freestyle techniques with a single-minded devotion to his chosen sport. After beating the British national team's 69-kilogram champion, Gurtej Badesha, McClain was invited to join the national team's workouts and take part in its tournament schedule.

Impressive as they are, McClain's international titles are just the tangible evidence of his personal growth as a wrestler, he said.

"I've become more self-aware of body momentum and strength," McClain said of his mat presence after his rarefied training and competition.

"I'm much quicker on the mat, and I've learned some techniques that are new to DODDS. I've had coaches come up to me after a match and ask what the moves I used were."

Ramstein coach Dave Izzo, for one, is impressed.

"The first thing that strikes me about him is his height," Izzo said by telephone on Tuesday. "He has really good leverage on almost everyone he wrestles."

Izzo added that McClain ap-

plies his mind as well as his tall frame to his sport.

"He's a very good technician," Izzo said of McClain, who is just a shade under 6 feet 3. "He has lots of confidence. He's very aggressive."

While Saucier is the immediate goal, McClain has a few other objectives in mind.

"My coach [Jimmy Hawthorne] has been talking to the Navy coach, Bruce Burnett," McClain said. "I'd like to stick with wrestling as long as I can."

Up to and including, perhaps, the Olympics.

"If London gets the bid [in 2012], Jimmy wants me to take dual citizenship and wrestle there," said McClain, who's been at Menwith Hill for eight years. "I'd be pleased to have a chance to be in the Olympics."

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#### This week's schedule

**Basketball**  
(Boys and girls at same sites unless otherwise indicated)

**Friday**

**Division 1**—International School of Brussels at Heidelberg; Würzburg at Lakehead; Ramstein at Wiesbaden.

**Division 2**—ANORTH and Black Forest Academy at Patch; SHAPE and Vilsack at Mannheim.

**Division 3**—North—Brussels at Menwith Hill.

**Division 4**—South—Ansbach at Gies-sen; Hohenfels at Baumholder.

**Italy**—Marmouton at Aviano; Naples and Milan at Livorno; Sigonella at Vicenza.

**Nonconference**—Samburg at Bitburg.

**Saturday**

**Division 1**—International School of Brussels at Heidelberg; Würzburg at Lakehead.

**Division 2**—ANORTH at Hanau; Black Forest Academy at Patch; Vilsack at Mannheim.

**Division 3**—North—Brussels at Menwith Hill.

**Division 4**—South—Ansbach at Gies-sen; Hohenfels at Baumholder.

**Italy**—Marmouton at Aviano; Naples and Milan at Livorno; Sigonella at Vicenza.

**Nonconference**—SHAPE at Ramstein; Samburg at Bitburg.

**Tuesday**

**Division 1**—Kaiserslautern girls at Ramstein.

**Italy**—Marmouton at American Overseas School of Rome.

**Nonconference**—International School of Brussels at SHAPE; Giesen at Frankfurt International School.

**Wednesday**

**Division 1**—Kaiserslautern boys at Ramstein.

**Italy**—American Overseas School of Rome at Marmouton.

**Thursday**

**Division 1**—International School of Rome; Ramstein at Patch; Vilsack at Mannheim.

**Division 2**—ANORTH and Black Forest Academy at Patch; SHAPE and Vilsack at Mannheim.

#### Game of the week

**What:** Vilsack at Mannheim boys basketball.

**When:** 7 p.m. Saturday.

**Where:** Benjamin Franklin Village Gymnasium, Mannheim.

**What's at stake:** Probable unbeaten Division 1 boys.

If Vilsack can get past SHAPE on Friday night at BFV, the Falcons will take a 1-0 record into Saturday's game.

"We've only played two games," Ritter said by telephone on Tuesday. "We're hoping that our team comes out looking clean."

Ritter knows what Mannheim looks like, having scouted them in a Division III, 63-41 loss to the Falcons last season.

"They have two good post players [Eckert and Earl Lee and a backup player, Ritter said. "We'll have to prevent them from getting into the paint and scoring from the post of the square."

"We can go quick or we can go big," Ritter said. "It all depends on what we see."

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Neal Griffin

Boys basketball  
Patch

Last week: Griffin, a 5-foot-10 senior shooting guard, scored 32 points on Friday and 29 Saturday as the Panthers swept visiting Bitburg 61-57 and 63-61.

"He shot really well," Patch coach Brian Tingey said of his All-Europe second-team returnee who shot 55 percent from the floor on Friday and led Patch with eight re-



bounds. Griffin shot 53 percent in Saturday's come-from-behind victory.

But according to Tingey, the big stat on Saturday, when the Panthers overcame a 10-point deficit with two minutes to play, was Griffin's 7-for-9 shooting from behind the three-point arc. Griffin, who's averaging 25 points in his last four games for the Panthers (2-2), also stole the ball five times Saturday in a game won by Gene Simpson's pull-back at the buzzer.

Selected by Stars and Stripes staff.

### Lynnsey Hyter

Girls basketball  
Kaiserslautern

Last week: Hyter, a junior, had 19 points and six steals in Kaiserslautern's 50-46 victory over Ramstein on Saturday.

"She had a great game," Kaiserslautern coach Corey Sullivan said, adding that the victory over the team's perennially powerful neighbor glided its 4-0 record.

"Anytime you beat Ramstein," Sullivan



said, "It's doubly good."

Hyter, a former European long jump champion, has made basketball strides that parallel K-town's improvement as a team.

"She's shown a lot of smarter," he said. "She's blending her physical ability with basketball intelligence. Last year, she'd be going too fast and get called in for a foul. This year, she's learned how to avoid it."

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Suns forward Amare Stoudemire, left, shoots over Heat forward Udonis Haslem, right, in the fourth quarter.

## Suns: Stoudemire a young Shaq

### SUNS, FROM BACK PAGE

"We've obviously struggled with the top teams in the West, and that's something that I think should stick in our mind every day," Van Gundy said. "And any time we have any tendency to get complacent, that should be what pushes us and drives us to improve over the last 14 weeks of the season. We have to get a lot better to get to where we want to go. You can't argue the facts on that."

Stoudemire relished his matchup with O'Neal, his boyhood idol.

"I did a little bit of everything," Stoudemire said. "I tried to mix it up on him, and use my jumper. I figured he was going to back up a little bit and let me shoot, and when he came out, I took it to the rack and tried to get fouls or make plays for my teammates."

O'Neal has always liked Stoudemire.

"Tonight it was the old me versus the young me," O'Neal said. "I wanted to make him shoot the jumper, and he shot it, and he shot it real well. He's a great kid."

Despite Miami's attempts to slow the tempo, the Suns

raced to their highest-scoring first quarter of the season, taking a 40-25 lead. Miami never was closer than 10 again.

"We talked about it. Every first quarter, they jump on people," Van Gundy said. "We got ourselves in a big hole, and we tried a couple times to fight back, but we just could never get enough stops to ever make it a game."

Stoudemire made all four of his first-quarter shots — each one from beyond 15 feet. O'Neal scored 17 in the first half on 8-for-9 shooting, five of them dunks.

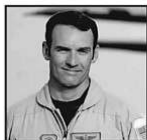
The Heat were down 71-61 on Wade's basket early in the second half, but the Suns went on one of their trademark runs, this one 18-4, to go up 89-65 on Stoudemire's soaring dunk with 6:40 left in the third.

In the fourth quarter, Stoudemire was knocked down by O'Neal, but flipped the ball in sidearmed as he fell. He made the free throw for a three-point play to put Phoenix up 105-85 with 9:46 left.

"They shot the ball very well, and we made too many mistakes," O'Neal said. "Every time we'd almost get back in it, we'd have a turnover and they'd go down and make a three."



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# Poined exchange of words between Jets and Steelers

BY CHUCK FINDER

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

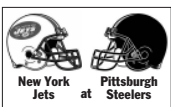
HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Silly as it might seem in the playoffs, when motivation and emotion reign over any additional external fueling, Steelers linebacker James Farrior and several New York Jets players, namely defensive end Shaun Ellis, exchanged relatively charged words this week over ... words.

It all goes back to some visiting postgame proclamations when the Steelers and Jets confronted one another Dec. 12 at Heinz Field.

In the aftermath of that 17-6 Steelers triumph, an array of Jets from Curtis Martin on down talked for public consumption about how they hoped to return to the same venue, to face the same team, in the postseason.

Ellis went a step further, vowing that night: "If we come back again, we'll beat them. I honestly believe that with all my might."

This from a muscular, 6-foot-5, 285-pound fellow nicknamed "Big Kat" with 41 career sacks, in losing 1½ of his team's total this season in last month's game at Heinz Field.



New York Jets at Pittsburgh Steelers

10:30 p.m. Saturday  
AFL-Atlantic, Pacific & Radio

Game time is Central European.

"Yeah, we noticed it," Farrior, a Jets linebacker between 1997-2001, said on a telephone conference call Tuesday. "We were surprised he said that ... We just looked at it and laughed at it, and they got what they wished for — a rematch."

To which Ellis responded barely two seconds later, when informed by media members about Farrior's comments: "The statement that I made, I'm a man, I put my name on it, I'll stick by it."

Then again, Ellis added, what would folks expect from a professional, competitive athlete after a loss?

"I'm not going to say they're

going to beat us the next time," he continued. "I'd be a damn fool to say that. I still believe that (the Jets will win). It was just the way I truly felt in my heart. Here it is, we got another chance against them ... Whatever happens, happens."

To be sure, the Jets still feel an extra sting from that defeat. They were whistled for 12 penalties in the first half, a season high for a team that committed the fewest in the AFC this season and the least amount in the NFL combined over the past four years under coach Herman Edwards.

League officials, in their post-game report the following week, admitted that Walt Anderson's score muffed a few calls — two of which came in one second-quarter series, wiping out 59 yards in Jets gains, and another that nullified a Hines Ward fumble.

Worse for this bunch, they held rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to the worst day of his 14-game NFL winning streak — a 13-passing yard in the first half and tossed two interceptions — and lost to the Steel-



Despite seeing his team outgained 296-262, Steelers coach Bill Cowher, above, saw his team beat the Jets 17-6 on Dec. 12 in Pittsburgh.

ers on a day when the winning touchdown was scored on a pass from Jerome Bettis.

The Jets outgained the Steelers 296-262, but quarterback Chad Pennington threw a pass that Farrior intercepted at the Steelers' 26 and a Troy Polamalu interception deep in New York territory led to a Jeff Reed field goal.

In short, the Jets remember it being a 3-3 game until the fourth quarter, whereupon the Steelers scored on Bettis' halfback pass to Jerome Tuman and his touchdown rumble around right end nine minutes later.

The fact that the loss was the first of three in the Jets' final four

regular-season games only serves to compound their agony.

"We didn't play physical enough and we didn't play smart," linebacker Eric Barton said of the Jets' defense, which allowed Roethlisberger to rally from that horrendous first half to complete four of his final five passes for 99 yards. "Penalties and coverages, we messed up a couple of times."

"We felt like a lot of things were against us and we played out of character, we got a lot of penalties," Elliss said. "Not saying we should have won or whatever, but it sure have been a lot tighter at the end. That's the game we like to play."

## Edwards apologizes for sideline argument

BY ANDREA ADELSON

The Associated Press

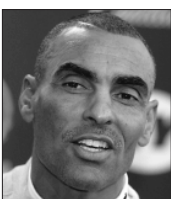
HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Herman Edwards' mother saw this side of him many times. Now the entire country can see it, too.

The Jets coach finally let his emotions get the best of him during the wild-card game against the San Diego Chargers on Saturday night, getting into a fight with assistant coach Bishop Harris on the sideline. Edwards knew he was wrong the second he let the words come out of his mouth, so he stepped in front of his team Tuesday and said he was sorry for losing his cool.

"It wasn't right," Edwards said as the Jets prepare to play Pittsburgh on Saturday. "The head coach is supposed to keep his composure. That's the one thing I press on our football team all the time. I have high expectations on myself and I let my guard down and I shouldn't have fallen into this trap."

"I won't embarrass the league by showing me on the TV set instead of showing our team."

Edwards, who usually exudes California cool, had never lost his temper before as a player or a coach. But his players know Edwards is plenty emotional. Veteran receiver Wayne Chrebet said he doesn't understand how Edwards keeps everything bottled up inside.



Jets head coach Herman Edwards, above, had a heated argument with assistant coach Bishop Harris during Saturday's playoff game in San Diego. The nature of the confrontation is unknown.

"I liked it," Chrebet said. "I know he's got it in him. We need that, to follow his lead. I know what he was like when he played. I know he still has it in him."

But the inner fire Edwards has serves his team well. "I don't usually get mad, but there's times on the field where I'm a second away from the same type of thing," Curtis Martin said. "That's just emotion, that's football. Just playing out there in that game especially, I didn't really think of it as anything."

Edwards screamed at Harris late in the third quarter but has declined to say why. It is known that Edwards wanted to get back-up LaMont Jordan more involved in the game.

Harris makes the personnel calls after getting the plays from offensive coordinator Paul Hackbert over the headset. So the altercation probably had something to do with the use of Martin and Jordan. Harris has declined interview requests this week.

## Subtracting Owens from equation multiplies Minnesota's guesswork

BY DON SEEHLER

St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — For the second time in as many weeks the Vikings are preparing to face a playoff opponent they played during the regular season.

Unlike last Sunday's NFC wild-card game against the Green Bay Packers, though, it's uncertain just how much of an advantage — if any — that experience might be.

When the Vikings played at Philadelphia on Sept. 20, star wide receiver Terrell Owens was an important part of Minnesota's defensive game planning, and he had a big hand in the Eagles' 27-16 victory.

With Owens sidelined with an ankle injury, the Eagles' offense is something of a mystery heading into Sunday's playoff game.

"We're trying to, as coaches, figure out what type of personality they're going to try to put on the field offensively without Owens," Vikings coach Mike Tice said. "Of course, they have the great playmaker at running back (Brian Westbrook) and a great tight end (Chad Lewis)."

"We've got to be the best job we can as coaches to put a plan together that takes away the personality they're going to have on Sunday, and we don't know exactly what that's going to be."

In the two games since Owens was injured, the Eagles haven't exactly tipped their hand.

Quarterback Donovan McNabb played just one series in a 20-7



Minnesota Vikings at Philadelphia Eagles

7 p.m. Sunday  
AFL-Atlantic, Pacific & Radio

Game time is Central European.

Week 16 loss to the St. Louis Rams and not all in the season-ending 38-10 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals.

Already assured of home-field advantage for the playoffs, the Eagles rested several other starters. Vikings defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell said he expects to see basically the same Philadelphia offense on Sunday, even with Owens out.

"They still run their offense," Cottrell said. "They're not going to change. When they had Terrell, they put him in the same position where the receivers were last year. They've got a variety of formations and plays anyway. They plug the players in to run the offense."

That might be true, but the Eagles can't simply plug in another Owens, who caught a team-high 77 passes for 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns in 14 games.

Philadelphia's second-leading wide receiver, Todd Pinkston, finished the regular season with 36 receptions for 676 yards and one touchdown, so Owens' absence figures to be huge.

"He opens it up for the other receivers, gives Westbrook more room to work," Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield said. "Some teams double-team him. They can spread the field with him. I don't know what they're going to do without him."

Owens caught four passes for 79 yards, including a disputed 45-yard touchdown, during the regular-season victory over the Vikings. But it's not as if the Eagles have lost their only offensive weapon.

They still have McNabb, who passed for 245 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another against the Vikings.

"He makes that offense go," Cottrell said of McNabb. "He's critical to them. He can still scramble well with the ball, he's strong, and I think he's making a lot better decisions. His decision-making has improved over the years with his experience. It's not easy being a quarterback up in Philadelphia, either. Those are my hometown fans, and they're kind of tough on you if you're not performing, especially at the quarterback position. This guy's been doing a great job."

Throw in Westbrook, the team's leading rusher and second-leading receiver, and tight ends Lewis and L.J. Smith, and Cottrell said the defense has its work cut out for it.

"They have enough weapons," Cottrell said. "T.O. was a great play last year, but they've been in (the conference) championship three years in a row, so they've got the weapons to get there."



# Alabama State's Sutton ties mentor Iba with win No. 767

The Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Even after a milestone victory, Eddie Sutton was preaching defense.

Henry Iba taught him well. Sutton tied his mentor for seventh in career coaching victories with a 6 Oklahoma State win at Missouri 78-68 on Tuesday night.

"The basis of the way he taught the game was defense is a stabilizer," Sutton said of Iba. "It's a thing that on a night when you're not shooting the ball well, if your defense will hold up, maybe there will come a time when you get some momentum."

"If you don't play defense, all of a sudden you get blown away early and you're out of the game."

Joey Graham scored a season-high 27 points and John Lucas added 18 for the Cowboys (12-1, 2-0 Big 12), who held Missouri to 38 percent shooting from the field.

Sutton improved to 767-293 in his career, which included stints at Creighton, Arkansas and Kentucky before he returned to his alma mater in 1990.

"Mr. Iba would be thrilled be-

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roundup

cause he was a teacher, and I think the greatest credit that can be given is when some-

body that you coached or taught does well," Sutton said.

In all 12 of its wins this season, Oklahoma State has held its opponent under 50 percent shooting. It's a staple of Sutton's teams that can be traced back to the 1950s when he played and later coached under Iba.

The Cowboys held Missouri without a field goal for 5 minutes and broke open a close game with a late 14-run rally.

Kleiza scored 24 points to lead the Tigers, who were 8-4 for 21 from three-point range. Kleiza was 13-for-13 from the foul line and fought off endless blows following an early technical foul. His tough inside play helped cause two Oklahoma State defenders to foul out.

Sutton will try to pass Iba on Saturday when the Cowboys play Iowa State. Iba was 767-338 in 41 seasons. He spent 36 years in Still-

water and won the school's only two NCAA championships in 1945 and 1946 when it was still known as Oklahoma A&M. He died in 1993.

**No. 4 Wake Forest 81, Maryland 65:** Justin Gray scored 25 points, including a season-high six three-pointers, and the Demon Deacons (14-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) cruised to the home victory. Gray was coming off a 31-point performance against Clemson over the weekend.

Nik Caner-Medley had 18 points for the Terrapins (9-4, 1-2), who were coming off a 36-point loss at No. 3 North Carolina.

**No. 19 Louisville 107, Southern Miss 62:** Francisco Garcia had 25 points to lead the Cardinals (13-3, 2-1 Conference USA), who led by as many as 48 points and shot 57 percent from the field.

Rashad Carruth had a career-high 25 points for the Golden Eagles (9-6, 0-3) in the worst home loss in school history.

Southern Mississippi has lost four straight.



AP

**Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton, above, tied his mentor Henry Iba for seventh place on the career victories list Tuesday night as the Cowboys defeated Missouri 78-68 in Stillwater, Okla.**

**No. 23 Alabama 64, Arkansas 61:** Earnest Shelton scored 18 points and Kennedy Winston had nine of his 13 in the second half to lead the Crimson Tide (13-3, 2-1 Southern Conference) to the road win. Winston made one of two free throws with 98 seconds left to give Alabama a three-point lead and Eric Ferguson missed an open three-pointer with 2 seconds left that could have tied the game.

Ronnie Brewer had 15 points for the Razorbacks (13-3, 1-2).

# St. Mary's holds off Air Force

The Associated Press

MORAGA, Calif. — Brett Collins scored 15 points and Saint Mary's overcame a poor shooting second half Tuesday night to hold off Air Force and win its ninth straight game, 59-58.

The Gaels (15-4), coming off a big victory over Gonzaga last Saturday, never trailed after scoring the game's first nine points.

But they almost blew a 13-point halftime lead, scoring only 19 points in the second half. Saint Mary's shot only 5-for-14 from the field and 9-for-18 from the foul line after halftime.

Jason Walberg missed two free throws with 24.5 seconds remaining, giving Air Force (13-6) a chance to win. Matt McGraw missed a jumper, but Nick Welch retained the ball for Air Force in a wild scramble for the ball. He launched a last-second air ball attempt while falling near the free-throw line as time ran out.

Paul Marginey added 13 points for the Gaels and E.J. Rowland scored 10.

McGraw led Air Force with 17 points. Tim Keller and Antoine Hood chipped in 12 apiece.

# Drawn-out baseball deals finally are finished

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Randy Johnson, Carlos Beltran, Shawn Green, Derek Lowe, Javier Vazquez and Juan Gonzalez finally got to their new teams following weeks of negotiations.

Dioner Navarro, a 20-year-old catcher with seven major league at-bats, even got traded twice Tuesday.

On a day when the Mets and Yankees combined for a news conference doubleheader, baseball dominated the New York sports scene, even with the jets getting ready for their matchup with Pittsburgh in the NFL playoffs.

In the morning at Shea Stadium, the Mets announced their \$119 million, seven-year contract with center fielder Carlos Bel-

tran, the 10th deal in baseball history worth \$100 million or more. The new-look Mets have added three-time Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez and might try to sign Carlos Delgado.

Three hours later, the Yankees introduced Johnson, a five-time Cy Young Award winner, after acquiring him from Arizona for Vazquez, Navarro, pitcher Brad Halsey and \$9 million. The Big Unit, who got a \$32 million, two-year contract extension through 2007, quickly apologized for getting into a sidewalk confrontation with a television cameraman en route to his physical the previous day.

"It was unprofessional and, obviously, I feel very foolish today, at such a great moment in my career, that I would have to sit be-

fore all of you, or stand before all you, and apologize for my actions," he said.

Arizona then dealt Navarro and right-handers William Jueaz, Danny Muegge and Beltran Perez to Los Angeles for Green and \$10 million.

Green got a \$32 million, three-year contract from the Diamondbacks. He has a .314 average and .629 slugging percentage at Bank One Ballpark with 14 homers and 40 RBIs in 175 at-bats, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Arizona planned more moves. The Diamondbacks agreed with left-hander Shawn Estes on a \$2.5 million, one-year contract and were close to trading Shea Hillenbrand to the Toronto Blue Jays.

After shedding Green, Los An-

geles finalized its \$36 million, four-year contract with right-hander Derek Lowe, the winner for Boston in the final game of all three of its postseason series as the Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years.

Gonzalez, a two-time AL MVP with Texas, finalized a minor league deal with Cleveland. The 35-year-old outfielder has 434 homers but played in only 33 games last year with Kansas City, batting .276 with five homers and 17 RBIs.

Toronto agreed to a \$5.2 million, two-year contract with left-hander Scott Schoeneweis, Philadelphia agreed to a \$500,000, one-year contract with right-hander Terry Adams and Baltimore agreed to a minor league deal with right-hander James Baldwin.



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**After weeks of negotiations, Randy Johnson finally made his first appearance in New York. Yankees pinstripes Tuesday.**

# Don King files \$2.5 billion defamation suit over ESPN segment

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Boxing promoter Don King filed a \$2.5 billion defamation suit Wednesday, claiming he was portrayed in a false light on an ESPN "SportsCentury" segment aired last May.

The suit, filed in state court in Broward County, Fla., names ESPN, ABC Cable Networks, Advocate Communications and Disney as defendants. The claim King was falsely portrayed as "a con artist and a thug."

"This case is one of the worst examples of reckless broadcast journalism and blatant disregard for the truth," lawyer Willie Gary said.

The flamboyant promoter, who

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has represented fighters from Muhammad Ali to Mike Tyson, has spent much of his career in court.

He settled a lawsuit for \$7.5 million with former middleweight champion Terry Norris in late 2003 and still faces a \$100 million lawsuit filed against him by Tyson.

King also has beaten federal charges, including tax evasion and fraud.

**Austrian skier Knauss suspended for steroid use**

WENGEN, Switzerland — Aus-

trian skier Hans Knauss was temporarily suspended Wednesday for steroid use and could be banned for two years.

Knauss tested positive for nandrolone following his fourth-place finish in a World Cup downhill in Lake Louise, Alberta, on Nov. 27.

His backup sample also was positive, the international federation said.

Under international rules, athletes found guilty of using steroids face a two-year ban. Such a penalty most likely would end the 33-year-old skier's career. Knauss has won seven races in his 14 years on the World Cup circuit and wants to compete in the world championships, which

begin Jan. 28 and run through Feb. 13.

Sarah Lewis, secretary general of the ski federation (FIS), said Knauss has three options — accept the suspension, submit a written defense to the federation's doping panel or request a personal hearing.

A hearing for Knauss has been scheduled by FIS between Feb. 16 and 18 in Oberstdorf, Germany, said Christian Fick, the ski federation's legal adviser. But Lewis said Knauss could request an expedited process so the case would be settled before the worlds in Bormio, Italy. However, this would preclude the option of a personal hearing.

"Our main goal must be to

clear Hans of cheating on the one hand, and on the other hand give him a chance to return to the slopes as soon as possible," Fick said.

Knauss contends supplements he took were tainted with nandrolone, which was not listed as an ingredient on the container.

There have been few doping cases in Alpine skiing. France's Christelle Guignard was stripped of her bronze medal in giant slalom from the 1989 world championships for a positive test. More recently, Britain's Alain Baxter lost his 2002 Olympic slalom bronze medal after testing positive for the banned stimulant.



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## Suns in different league



Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire, right, slaps the ball out of the grasp of Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal, left, in the third quarter Tuesday in Phoenix. Both players lead their respective teams with 34 points as the Suns defeated the Heat 122-107.

## West's best team coasts past East-leading Heat

BY BOB BAUM  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The ever-energized Phoenix Suns made the best in the East look slow and overmatched — just like they've done to almost every opponent so far in a remarkable season.

Amare Stoudemire scored 34 points, and the Suns won their seventh straight 122-107 over the Miami Heat on Tuesday night in what turned out to be a mismatch of the teams with the best records in the West and East. All five Suns starters hit double figures — in the first half — and Phoenix improved to 31-4, the sixth-best start for a team with four losses in league history. Four of the five teams ahead of the Suns went on to win the NBA title.

Miami coach Stan Van Gundy said he knew what the Suns would do, but he couldn't stop them from doing it.

"We got absolutely dominated from the get-go," he said. "Look, that's a great team. I'm a little humbled by the fact that we could not come up with any kind of plan to stop them from a coaching standpoint."

## West if best

The Miami Heat have the best record in the NBA's Eastern Conference at 27-10, but they have a 7-8 record against teams from the Western Conference and just one victory against the top six teams from the West. Here's the results of those games:

Nov. 11 — lost to Dallas, 113-93  
Nov. 12 — lost to San Antonio, 93-84  
Nov. 16 — lost to Minnesota, 108-97  
Dec. 23 — won at Sacramento, 109-107  
Jan. 3 — lost to Seattle, 98-96  
Jan. 9 — lost at Seattle, 106-98  
Jan. 11 — lost at Phoenix, 122-107



Shawn Marion added 26 points and 11 rebounds, Steve Nash 16 points and 16 assists and Joe Johnson 24 points and nine rebounds for the Suns, who have won 18 of 19.

"Just right now it's fitting all together," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said. "He [Nash] makes it look easy, and the other guys make it look easy. They play off each other. This is probably our best stretch we've had all year."

The fleet-footed Suns ran out to a 17-point

lead in the first quarter, never let Miami closer than 10 and topped 120 points for the second game in a row and seventh time this season.

"I don't know that I've seen a quicker team in my 10 years in the league," Van Gundy said. "They've got great athletes at every position."

"They're a very unselfish team," Miami's Eddie Jones said. "And they push it right at you, right down your throat."

Despite his team's eye-popping record, D'Antoni won't call the Suns the best team in the NBA.

"You know, San Antonio's good," he said. "They only beat us by 20 points, so it's kind of hard for me to say we're better than they are. We're good. We're playing real well, and we're going to get better."

Shaquille O'Neal had 34 points and 11 rebounds, and Dwyane Wade added 23 points, but the Heat — beaten at Seattle on Sunday — lost two in a row for only the second time this season. The first was early November, when Dallas and San Antonio beat Miami in back-to-back games Nov. 11-12.

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